

Report: PA intensifying activity in Jerusalem By STEVE RODAN

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The Palestinian Authority has declared "a limited war" against the authorities in Jerusalem, stepping up illegal coostructioo and purchasing property, and cstablishing alternative educatinnal, legal, and police services for Arabs, a report by onc nf Israel's security services says. The report says the PA efforts are aimed at eroding Israeli rule in Arab neighborhoods through intimidation and incitement against governmeot policy. It says that illegal Arab coostruction has iocreased since the launch of the Har Homa con-

Levy: Talk of war is dangerous, Page 4

struction project.

The PA, the report says, is attempting to create an alternative Palestinian rule by strengthening Palestinian institutions in east Jerusalem and in the munic-ipal area. This includes establishing a Jerusalem governorate in A-Ram, courts in Abu Dis and Bir Naballah, an cducatioo department in A-Ram, the appointment of a PA commander for the Jerusalem district, and PA intelligence in Abu Dis. "Palestinian activity Jerusalem has gonc into high gear in recent months, and we can see signs of the declaration of a limited war in Jerusalem," the report says. "At this stage, [PA officials] are avoiding a frootal war with Israel but they are dealing with weak targets." These targets include Arab land dealers, city officials, professionals, and employees of Israeli iostitutions io east Jerusalem. Io addition, the PA has stepped



He's our man

Students at Boys' Town Jerosalem hoist Christoph Meili, the Swiss bank-guard who prevented records of Nazi-confiscated Jewish property from being destroyed, during an award ceremony at the school yesterday. Story, Page 5. (Brian Hendler)

Gov't seeks Ras al-Amud solution

PM cancels trip to Europe

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By JAY BUSHINSKY

An emergency meeting at the Prime Minister's office yesterday resulted in a series of interim decisions to deal with the Ras al-Amud crisis, among them the appointment of Internal Security Minister Avigdor Kahalani to head the team of officials dealing with the move of Jewish settlers into the neighborhood.

At vistually the same time, Irving Moskowitz, the Miami-based millionaire who owns the property in question, conferred with his lawyers and advisers. Moskowitz took part in a mezuza-affixing ceremony at the site last night. Kahalani is expected to visit the

site today and to meet Moskowitz

canceled his trip to Vienna, which was to have included stopovers in

Bucharest and Budapest. Briefing journalists, Netanyahu said he preferred not to give any details of the possibilities being examined, but noted the legal issue is extremely complex and the scope of calculations "very broad."

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PA warms of violence,

Because of the crisis, Netanyahu

up the purchase of real estate. The effort is being directed by PA leader Yasser Arafat and appears to be focused on the Old City, which has been neglected by Palestinians over the last decade. Maoy have left the area. The report says PA officials recently bought buildings in the Old City, and are trying to buy the New Imperial Hotel near the Jaffa Gate.

The PA is also trying to raise money for construction in east Jerusalem. Investors being targcted are Palestioian businessmen and those from Morocco and the Gulf states. Funds have been cstablisbed in several Arab countries. In Morocco, one such fund, The Jcrusalem Treasury, was established in March, with a goal of raising \$500 million under the patronage of King Hassan.

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Right-wing MKs threaten to quit coalition

By MICHAL YUDELMAN

While Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu is examining ways of solving the Ras al-Amud crisis, Knesset members of the Land of Israel Front are threatening to quit the coalition if the new Jewish settlers in the Arab neighborhood are evacuated.

MK Moshe Pcled of Tsomet, who has joined the settlers, said

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"evacuating Jews in the Land of Israel and especially in Jerusalem is a red line for us. We shall have to consider carefully whether we can continue to support a government which decides to evacuate them." MK Michael Kleiner of Gesher,

the spokesman for the Land of Israel, said "we won't agree to have those families evacuated. We won't support a government which moves them in violation of the law."

National Infrastructure Minister Ariel Sharon also opposed evacuating the settlers, warning that

This was the second Israeli mes-

said he could not give details

without compromising his mis-

Hizbullah, which has some of

the remains, said its officials met

such a move would be perceived as caving in to pressure and have dangerous implications for Israel's relations with the Palestinian Authority.

"Moving the settlers at this stage would be a grave error. It would prove that Israel can be pressured by threats of terrorism. It's the right of every person in a democratic state to live wherever he bought a house or land," Sharon said.

He added that Ras al-Amud was part of Jerusalem and said it was only natural that "a Jcw would be able to live anywhere in Jerusalem.*

National Religious Party faction chairman Hanan Porat warned Netanyahu "not to dare uproot the new settlers. That would be tantamount to uprooting a settlement in Eretz Yisrael and wc won't be able to put np with it. We will be there in the thousands to prevent the evacuation."

MK Zvi Hendel of the NRP said "a government which ignores wholesale and illegal Arab construction in Jerusalem, while at the same time picks on Jews, who bought a home facing the Mount of Olives legally, is not worthy of being called a national government and it is doubtful whether it should continue to exist."

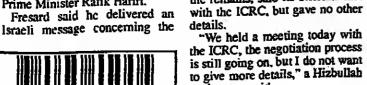
Red Cross optimistic on Lebanese-Israeli body exchange Nctanyahu told students at Tel BEIRUT (Reuters) - Mediation exchange of remains of the naval

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commandos killed 11 days ago. between Lebanon and Israel on He said he had received a swapping remains of IDF soldiers Lebanese response, but didn't say for Lebanese prisoners could soon produce "pnsilive results," an International Committee of Red sage Fresard has conveyed to Cross official said yesterday. Lebannn in the past few days. He

"I expect positive results soon if things go on the way they are Jean Jacques Fresard. ICRC chief in Lebanon told reporters after a meeting with Prime Minister Rafik Hariri. Fresard said he delivered an



spokesman said. Iranian President Mohammed Kbatami said that Beirut could count on Teheran's support in the fight against Israel. Michal Yudelman adds: Prime Minister Binyamin there," Netanyahu added.

Aviv's Ironi Tet high school that he would have been willing to leave Lebanon "the day before yesterday, oot yesterday," if he could have been sure there would be no cross-border attacks oo Israeli settlements.

He said that a withdrawal can take place "as sooo as we know that our exit will not lead to Lebanon's entrance into the northern Galilee.

"We've been in Lebanon almost 20 years. To get out, we need someone to take our place. Otherwise, Hizbullah will enter the security zone and shoot at the northern settlements.

"The Arab world wants us to evacuate occupied territories, and we want to leave Lebanon. But there is someone preventing us from doing it, and he seems to have an interest in keeping us

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in brief

Closure eased

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The IDF yesterday relaxed the closure by allowing 3,000 Palestinian merchants into Israel in addition to 1,000 already allowed in. Another 1,000 olive pickers are permitted past the roadblocks, while 200 Palestinian Authority workers are also allowed to travel between Gaza and the West Bank, Itim

High Court authorizes GSS use of force

The High Court of Justice yesterday granted the General Security Service authorization to use physical pressure in the investigation of a man believed to have information about plans for further suicide attacks.

GSS agents told the court, in camera, they believe that Raji Saba, of Beit Omar, is a member of an Izzadin al-Kassam terrorist cell that planned suicide bombings and that his information could help to prevent the attacks.

But the court cautioned that the attorney-general would bave to check that the interrogation did not go beyond the "moderate physical force" permitted by the Landau Commission that looked into the issue. Batsheva Tsur

Infant hurt in bombing out of hospital

Tami Kaufman, the six-month-old injured in the Reboy Ben-Yehuda suicide bombings, was released from Jerusalem's Bikur Holim Hospital yesterday. Her parents, Ora and Yossi, were also released. ltim

Katsav rescinds jubilee post resignation

Tourism Minister Moshe Katsav yesterday agreed to Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyabu's request and rescinded hia resignation as the minister responsible for the 50th anniversary celebrations. He had resigned several weeks ago over differences with Yossi Peled, the head of the non-profit organization orgaoizing the celebration. Itim

Tourism offices receiving many complaints

Over the past six months, Government Tourist Offices abroad have received an unprecedented number of complaints about the attitude towards tourists here, Tourism Minister Moshe Katsay told a conference of European office representatives in London yesterday. Tourism Ministry spokeswoman Orly Doron said that many of the complaints related to conditions at Ben-Gurion Airport, including security checks, but also to taxis. Until half a year ago, she said, there had been hardly any such complaints. Haim Shapiro

Local cow holds record in milk production

Her name is Arafela, she lives on Kibbuiz Ein Hanatziv, and she's been busy. The black-and-white cow is believed to hold the world record for milk production - 170,000 liters over a 19-year career, kibbutz dairy manager Yossi Glazner said yesterday. Arafela - whose name, loosely translated, means "foggy" has given birth a dozen times, survived Foot and Mouth disease and a series of accidents. Next week she'll be the star attraction at an international dairy farmers' conference here. Glazner said he knows of two other cows, one in Canada and one in Sweden, who are nearly as prolific.

Moratinos due to hold talks in Cairo today

Palestinians warn of violence if Jews remain in Ras al-Amud Salah Taamari, a PLC member from suspected Islamic militants in the Bethlehem

By STEVE RODAN and MOHAMMED NAJIB

The Palestinian Authority, escalating its rhetoric against the Netanyahu government, raised the specter of Arab riots today unless Israel removed the three Jewish families from Jerusalem's Ras al-Amud neighborhood.

"The PA officially holds the Israeli government responsible for any development that will take place unless the settlers are evicted in the coming hours," PA Local Authorities Minister Saeb Erekat told the Palestinian Legislative Council yesterday during its session in Ramallah.

Erekat and other PA officials said they now suspect that Netanyahu knew of the plans by the Jewish families to enter into a building bought by Miami philanthropist Irving Moscowitz.

They said that for more than a day they, in coordination with Israel, have ensured calm among the Palestinians in and around Jerusalem. But, they added their ability to impose restraint is limited.

This is a planned step which is not as innocent as the Israeli government would like to show," Erekat said

The minister said the PA has raised the issue with the US, European Union, Russia and the Arab states in an effort to force Israel to evac-

uate the Jews from their new home. He said Bethlehem, warned that the Israelia and that for the first time the Arabs have formed a Palestinians are moving toward a violent conunited position that supports the Palestinians and the PA settlement activity and the continued IDF clo-

PLC speaker Ahmed Qurie [Abu Ala] supported the PA position.

"What's happened at Ras al-Amud is a dangerous step," he said.

PA to US: We're fighting terror

In the interest of persuading Washington to come ahead with funding. Palestinian Authority chief chief Yasser Arafat has decided to try to convince Congress that he is battling Islamic terrorism, PA officials said yesterday.

A select group of US journalists are to be allowed into PA prisons to interview innutes recently detained on suspicion of involvement in plots to wage attacks against Israel.

A CBS relevision crew has plans to interview one detained for a forthcoming "60. Minutes" program, a source at CBS said. PA officials said their State Department

tives for a response to the closure and what he called the nightly arrests by Israeli forces of

frontation because of what he called Israeli

sure of the territories. He asked PA representa-

counterparts said that they must convince Congress that the authority is fighting terrorism to obtain \$100 million in funding that was shelved in Washington.

Meanwhile, PA officials wouldn't comment yesterday on the reported arrests of four Palestinians suspected of being tied to a plot to assassinate Arafat.

Senior security officiala also asked journalists not to report the arrests which some reporters confirmed on Monday. "I don't think that security issues are a

matter of news." Arafat spokesman Marwan Kanafani told the Jerusalem S.R. and M.N. Post

US Secretary of State Madeleine Albright. Many of the PLC members sounded skepucal concerning the optimiatic assessments expressed by PA officials, who acknowledged that an agenda has not been agreed upon in the discussions scheduled for Washington next week between Israeli and Palestinian delegations and State Department envoys.

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Some of the council members appeared upset over the continuing arrests of Hamas and Islamic Jihad militants. PLC member Nabil Amro, Hebron, said the PA must review its relations with Hamas after officials pledged to fight terrorism.

"Does the PA have a plan to confront the

closure and settlement activity?" he asked,

"Until now, the PA does not have an emer-

gency committee to compensate the

Palestinian farmers whose produce was ruined

this year because of the closure." The council

session was scheduled to discuss the visit of

The call by Amro prompted an angry response from Bethlehem's Bishara Dawood, who demanded that the Hebronite stop using the word terrorism in the council. "This is the vocabulary of Israeli bulldozers that constructs settlements and is not meant for others to use," he said.

The country's newest pilgrimage spot

By HERB KEINON

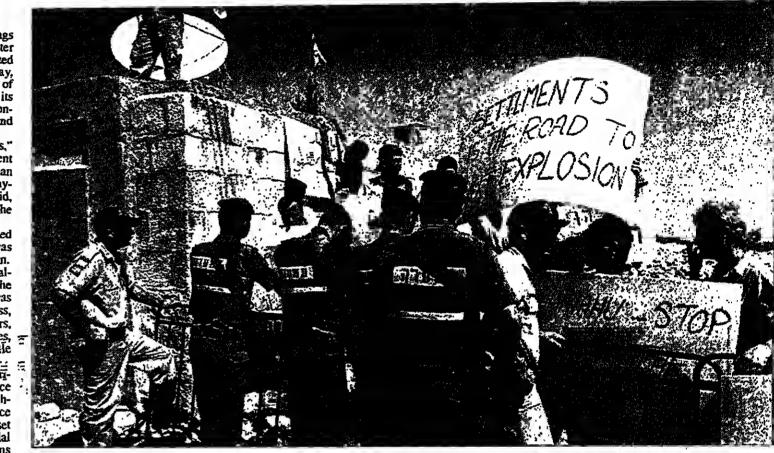
Dozena of plastic Israeli flags were atrung from a five-meter high antenna atop the disputed house in Ras al-Amud yesterday, conjuring up images of the mast of a sbip. On the second day of its journey, this particular ship continued to stir up dangerous and unfrieodly waters.

"It is ours, all of it is ours," shouted Jerusalem kollel student Emanuel Anaki at a Palestinian woman passing by. "The play-ground will be there," he said, pointing to an empty lot. "The synagogue there."

The woman stopped and shouted back in Arabic, until she was escorted away by a policewoman. The second day of the Ras al-Aroud saga, taking place in the shadow of the Temple Mount, was similar to the first: lots of press,

lots of MKs, lots of supporters, lots of detractors, lots of curses, yet, fortunately, precious little

action. In fact, escorting people in Various directions was the riot police force's primary activity throughout the day. They escorted Peace Now activists to a protest tent set up right next to the controversial home; they escorted Palestinians



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European Union peace envoy Miguel Moratinos is due to confer in Cairo today with Egyptian Foreign Minister Amr Moussa before proceeding to the US for talks on the impact of Secretary of State Madeleine Albright's recent tour of the Middle East. Moratinos' efforts as a roving intermediary between Israel, Syria, and the Palestinian Authority have been coordinated with Egypt and the US. This explains his current itinerary.

However, remarks attributed to him in Monday's The Jerusalem Post were categorically denied yesterday by his spokesman, Christopbe Farnaud, The spokesman referred to a meeting between Moratinos and Foreign Minister David Levy at which the EU envoy reportedly said the EU does not see eye-to-eye with France regarding the peace process.

The ambassador said nothing about France or Foreign Minister Hubert Vedrine," Farnaud said.

A version obtained from authoritative sources prompted a report to the effect that the EU's current evaluation of the regional peace process differs from that of France. This, in turn, was based on a statement made by Vedrine at a Socialist Party meet-

Ing. Vedrine was quoted by Agence France Presse as having said "There no longer is a peace process, no longer any dynamism or perspec-tive." Vedrine said the peace process

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has been "broken," and pinned the blame on Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu. The French Embassy in Tel Aviv circulated these excerpts from an

interview with Vedrine broadcast on Europe 1 on Monday: Q: Didn't you go too far, weten't your remarks over the top, personal, and nerhans unfair?

Vedrine: Judging from the reactions, I don't get that impression. On the contrary, I feel that I have been understood. I spoke with regret. I'm sorry I had to say it, but I called a spade a spade and virtually everyone responded by saying that, sadly, it was true.

O: You've tended to come under criticism, in Israel and sometimes in Paris, for not having an evenhanded attitude, i.e. having one which no longer allows France to play a mediating role?

Vedrine: It seems to me that the rotagonists aren't really looking for mediators, and, secondly, in a friendship, plain speaking is a duty ...

despair and frustration?

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ROSE LAUER ITY

The funeral will take place today Wednesday,

September 17, 1997, at 11:00 a.m.

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Phyllis and Ruby Davidman and family

O: Are you, for example, asking Yasser Arafat to make a greater effort to find and crack down on the terrorists?

Vedrine: Obviously, that goes without saying. When people say that the peace process must be revived, we are saying the same thing. How do you expect Yasser Arafat to be able to combat terrorism more effectively when about 30 percent of Palestinians sympathize with Hamas which expresses their

living in the area quickly past the door of their new neighbors; and they escorted Attorney-General Elyakim Rubinstein and State Attorney Edna Arbel on a factfinding mission around the

grounds. Ras al-Amud, like Hebroo prior to the IDF withdrawal last winter. and Har Homa prior to the rolling of the bulldozers in the spring, has quickly become this country's newest pilgrimage spot. Among yesterday's pilgrims were Hai Ve'kayam's Yehuda

Etzion, a leading activist in the movement to establish a Jewish presence on the Temple Mount, and Hillel Horwitz, a veteran Hebron settler. Hadash's Hashem

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"First we must exhaust all the means for talks with those involved."

While no legal basis was found or proposed at the session to oust the three families, the police were ordered to prevent additional settlers from entering the neighborhood

Netanyahu conferred with Attorney-General Kahalani. Elyakim Rubinstein, and General Security Service chief Ami Ayalon, and reiterated the government'a opposition to the construction of a Jewish neighborhood there.

problem.

In preparation for the consultations, Rubinstein and State Attorney Edna Arbel went to the site. Earlier, Rubinstein bad said that there is a theoretical possibility of evicting the settlers if they pose a danger to public safety. But, he said, this depends on the evidence in the field and the recommendations of the police and other security forces. Concern was expressed in GSS and police circles about the the possibility that the fast-accelerating dispute may be used as a theme to incite Moslem worshipers at Friday'a prayers on the Temple Mount

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

THE WEEKLY MEETING of the Eng-lish-speaking Jerusalem Rotary Club will take place today at 1:00 p.m. at the YMCA, King David Street. Prof. Shimon Shetret will speak on: Challenges of Jerusalem.

Israeli and Palestinian protesters demonstrate at Ras al-Amud yesterday as border policemen stand in front of them.

Mahmeed came for a lonk around. as did Gush Shalom's Uri Avneri. It was a veritable "Who's Who" of the extreme ends of the political map. "The rational middle," quipped one observer, "will stay far away." The dominant presence that hovcred over the street throughout the

day was not Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, although everyone was waiting to see what he would do, but rather Irving Moskowitz, the Miami-based doctor whose purchase of the home made the drama possible. The very mention of his name drew either praise or contempt, depending, lit-

Ras al-Amud will not be on the

agenda of today's cabinet meeting.

erally, on where you stood on the street - whether you were near the bome, or near Peace Now's tent. "Israel should only have 20 more like that millionaire," said Eli Alush of Neveh Ya'acov, who said be came to the site because "I go wherever Jews are in trouble." "People should learn from his example," Alush said, "and pump money into projects like this. One day he will die, but people will look at what be left Jerusalem."

The name Moskowitz evoked a completely different reaction from Meretz MK Anat Maor. "I call on him to go back to Miami, we don't need him here," she said.

weeks that Moskowitz is in danger

of being attacked by Islamic Jihad.

His room at the King David Hotel is

under 24-hour guard and he has a

President Ezer Weizman has con-

demned the settlers. "I stand behind

the prime minister. This is not the

right time, place, or way," Weizman

Mordechai told reporters that it is

not the appropriate time to allow

Jewish families to inhabit dwellings

in a predominantly Moslem neigh-

borhood. "I thought it was incorrect

to allow families to enter the hous-

Mordechai stressed he would take

Minister Yitzhak

said

Defense

personal bodyguard at all times.

know its borders." "He came to light the fire, and we will be the ones left to pay the

price. That price, warned Hadash's Mahmeed, will be a painful one "that we are all going to feel." Mahmeed completely dismissed assertions that the furor over three Jewish families moving into the area smacked of racism. "Chairman Arafat has welcomed a group of Jews in Jericho," he said. referring to the Israelis from Mevasseret Zion who received "political asylum" in Jericho last week. "The problem is not that the Palestinians don't want Jews, the problem is that Israel does not

Chaim Silberstein, executive director of the Beit Orot yeshiva on the other side of the Mount of Olives, put a different spin on the issue. Israel knows its borders, Silberstein maintained, and they include all of Jerusalem. The move to Ras al-Amud is an attempt to physically establish these borders before the Palestinian Authority has a chance to do so.

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"The fight now ia over who will control Jerusalem," Silberstein said. "If we don't now move fast on the ground, the city will not be ours.

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In Jordan, the Jerusalem Fund for Development and Investment was launched by the Arab Bank and Palestinian industrialists Abed Almajid Shoman and Muni Masri with \$70 million and a goal of \$200 million.

In addition, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, and Morocco have pledged millioos of dollars to Faisal Husseini, PA minister for Jerusalem affairs.

The report says that Palestinian intelligence has been concentrat-

ing on preventing Israelis from purchasing property in east Jerusalem. PA agents have killed land dealers, intimidated Arabs into selling land to the PA, and organized demonstrations against confiscations by Israel.

In Ras al-Amud, the PA stopped sales of 12 dunams (3 acres) to Jewish investors. In Ramat Rahel, Palestinian security stopped a sale of 30 dunams and in Silwan, 30

dunams. PA sources in Jerusalem confirmed most of the details in the report. They said that Arafat has made control of Jerusalem a priority over the past year.

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The family

Reports that it will be among the topics discussed were denied by Netanyahu's spokesman, Shai Bazak. Foreign Minister David Levy assailed the occupancy, saying it

However, there was no indication of an immediate solution to the

"created unnecessary tension... I hope the settlers will be removed or remove themselves." Efforts were being made last

night to arrange a meeting between Levy and PA Planning Minister Nabil Shaath prior to Levy's departure to the UN General Assembly in New York.

The State Department said yes-terday it sees "eye-to-eye" with Netanyahu on the sensitivity of the situation and is confident he will act to resolve it. But it emphasized t is not seeking to micro-manage the situation and will give him "the leeway and the time" to deal with

Ras al-Amud could "have a negative impact on the overall process," State Department spokesman James Foley told reporters. But he said he "wouldn't accept that characterization" when asked whether Netanyahu is trying to have it both ways, by denouncing the occupation of the house while claiming he is legally unable to do anything about it.

"What is important in this particular instance is not really the question of what is legal and what is not legal. The question is what can restore confidence and promote movement toward a settlement which can meet the parties' needs. And we believe that Prime Minister

Netanyahu understands the problem in that light," he said. Meanwhile, American officials have been warning for the past two

part in discussions to be held with Netanyahu last night. While stating that the security situation in Jerusalem was not his responsibility but that of the police and the General Security Service, he said no moves should be made that will lead to a deterioration in the situation in the region. During a meeting with settlement

es at this time," he said.

leaders at Barkan, near Ariel, settlement leaders warned Mordechai that evicting the Jewish families would set a dangerous precedent. He assured them that the government is determined to strengthen

the Jewish presence in Jerusalem, Judea, and Samaria, but stressed that such activities must be part of centralized projects such as Gush Etzion, Pisgat Ze'ev, and Har Homa and must not be carried out independently.

Meanwhile, Hefetz said he fears the current actions in Ras al-Arnud will trigger riots.

Margot Dudkevitch, Michal Yudelman, Batsheva Tsur, and Hillel Kuttler from Washington contributed to this report.



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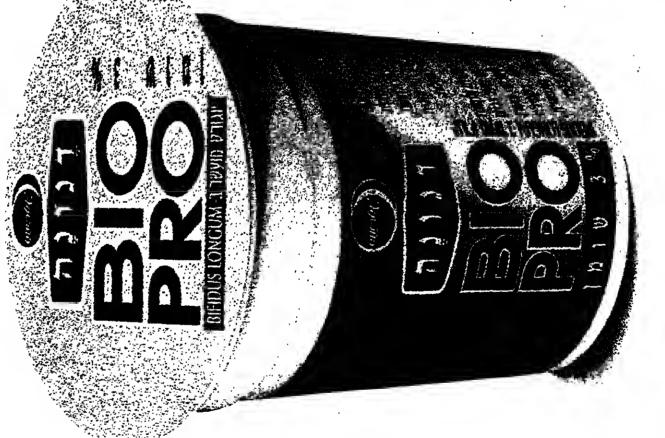
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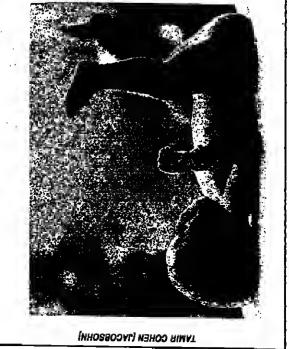
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Police question 9 Meshulam followers

Nine followers of cult leader Uzi Meshulam were questioned by police yesterday about several recent incidents attributed to the group, including the bombing of Petah Tikva Municipal Court, the damaging of traffic lights at major intersections, and threats to several leading figures in the law enforcement system. Itim

Taxi driver quizzed as slaving witness

Taxi driver Elíahu Kadosh, 45, of Haifa, was brought to a Haifa Magistrates Court yesterday and freed on NIS 15,000 bail to house arrest, as a witness in the manslaughter of an elderly handicapped man on Monday.

According to testimony gathered by Haifa Police, a passenger in Kadosh's cab apparently pushed the 78-year-old man to his death, as the victim tried to cross the road in the Neveh Yosef section. The victim was allegedly crossing very slowly, and after being struck, he hit his head on the asphalt and died. The suspect hasn't been caught.

A police representative, F.-Sgt. Oshra Ben-Harush, said Kadosh was suspected of obstructing justice. Itin

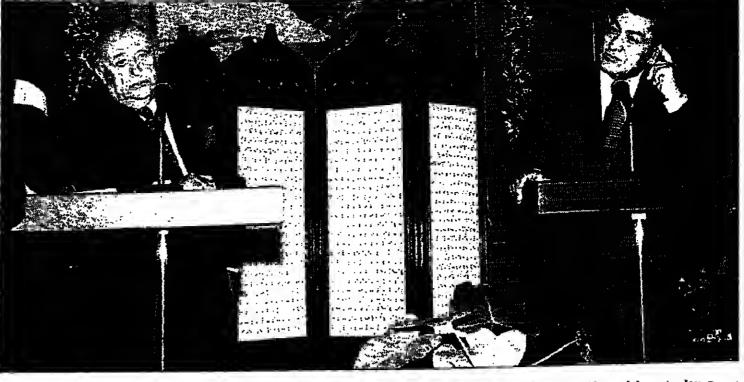
5 development towns contain 1/3 immmigrants

A third of the population in the outlying towns of Or Akiva, Sderot, Upper Nazareth, Ma'alot and Karmiel consists of recent immigrants who arrived by 1990, according to figures released yesterday by the Central Bureau of Statistics. Figures showed that other development towns, such as Kiryat

Gat, Arad, Ofakim and Ashdod are also inhabited by a large number of new arrivals. Relative to these areas, recent immigrants make up a small percent of the population in the large cities, namely, Haifa, Tel Aviv and Jerusalem. Receot arrivals also make up 11% of the overall population. Jennifer Friedlin

Fund set up for pupils with unemployed parents

Education Minister Zevulun Hammer yesterday announced the establishment of a fund to aid pupils whose parents have recently lost their jobs. He said the recent rise in unemployment has brought about a need to help pupils from needy bomes pay for books and outings. Hammer also urged principals, teachers, and guidance counselors to discreetly identify pupils who need help. Aryeh Dean Cohen



Turkish President Suleyman Demirel (left) and Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak hold a news conference in Alexandria yesterday. (Rement)

Demirel meets with Mubarak

Assures Egypt that Turkish-Israeli ties no threat to Arabs

CAIRO (AP) - Turkish President Suleyman Demirel assured Egypt yesterday that his coun-try's military ties with Israel would not harm the Arab world.

"Turkey's relations with Arab countries are deeply rooted in history," Demirel told a oews conference after meeting Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak in Alexandria.

"Our relations with Israel are not against a third country," Demirel said.

"The Arab countries are the brothers of Turkey and we doo't have any problems with Arab countries that we need to settle by force. This misunderstanding should be eliminated," Demirel said.

Arab countries have complained about a joint

Turkish-Israel-US naval exercise planned for November. They allege that the maneuver is designed to give Israel regional military superi-

Demirel told the Al-Ahram daily that the exercise was only practice for search and rescue mis-sions. He invited Arab states to take part.

Mubarak said Demirel had allayed some of his fears. He said he thought the maneuvers would " take place easily and we hope it will not extend to combat exercises in the future."

He said that Egypt wouldn't join the exercise. We have no intentions of doing so until the

problems in the Middle East are resolved." Demirel also told Al-Ahram that he would ask Mnbarak to intervene with Syria over

Syria's alleged support for Kurdish separatists in southeastern Turkey. Mubarak said he would discuss the issue with Syrian Presideot Hafez Assad, who visits

Egypt tomorrow.

Syria has denied the allegations, but has asked the Arab League to discuss Turkish-Israeli military cooperation at a foreign ministers meeting Saturday in Cairo. Egyptian diplomats said before the meeting

that Mubarak would ask Demirel about Turkey's repeated incursions into northern Iraq.

In the Al -Ahram interview, Demirel said that Turkey's cross-border operations were aimed only at eliminating Kurdish guerrillas.

Levy: Talk _f of war is dangerous

By JAY BUSHINSKY

Foreign Minister David Levy deplored speculation about an impending guerrilla war between Israel and the Palestinians yesterday and dismissed reports that the IDF was preparing for this eventuality as "harmful" and "superflous." "These trumpet blasts of war" are

out of step with the diplomatic realities generated by Secretary of State Madeleine Albright's talks here as well as those in Damascus and Ramailah, he said.

He referred disparagingly to a series of briefings conducted by senior military officers, including the CO Central Command, Maj.-Gen. Uzi Dayan, as having stirred op unwarranted hysteria in the news media

"The atmosphere that has been created is not good," he said. It is dangerous." After dismissing the notion that Israeli forces were preparing to re-enter the cities of Area A, Levy went on to cite the headway made as a result of Albright's visit. These included the relaxation of the closure, transfer of funds to the PA and the series of bilateral and trilateral talks in Washington and New York.

"It would be wrong to seal the tomb of the peace process," he said, 'A joint committee has been established to monitor and coordinate the fight against terrorism," he said, noting that American officials are

involved in its work. And he rejected the idea that because of the danger of more suicide bombings diplomatic efforts to resuscitate the peace process should be abandoned

in favor of an "Apocalypse Now" attitude of political stagnation.

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homeless in Jericho meet Arafat

By STEVE RODAN

Ten Israeli families who have resettled in Jericho said yesterday they met with Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat and asked him to appeal to Morocco to invite them to live in the kingdom.

The families accused Israeli authorities of discriminating against them as Sephardim and driving them from Mevasseret Zion, where they had been squatting in the town's absorption center for a number of months. "This is discrimination and that's why we went to President Arafat to send a fax to the king of Morocco," said Shlomo Guzit, one of the Israelis living in Jericho. "We are waiting for an answer. We would welcome going back to Morocco. The Israelis said they were touched by their meeting with Arafat in Ramallah. "The president was always portrayed to us as a monster," Guzit said. "We met somebody who listened. He wants peace for his people. He kissed the children and said your problem is our problem." Guzit and another Israeli were interviewed by PA radio and television where they were asked whether they would return to their original homes in the Arab world. We don't think the discrimination tion is as bad there as in Israel," Guzit, who was born in Tunisia. said. "I would go to Morocco. My wife is from Morocco. The Palestinian Authority has invited the Mevasseret squatters, many of them with apartments in Israel, to Jericho and have put them up in a local hotel. The families said they represent another 100 families who want to resettle in PA territory.

Jewish Stuart Cohen is a professor of political science at Bar Ilan University and senior research fellow at the Besa Institute

Military sources have warned of the possibility of an outbreak of guerrilla warfare and an escalation in the use of weapons in the territories due to the current stalemate in the peace process. How does an army prepare for guerrilla warfare?

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with Stuart Cohen

By learning from previous experience gained from the intifada and before that in Lebanon. At that time the IDF's operational behavior was characterized by the fact that units were thrown in, in no coherent order - whatever was available was thrown in.

However, according to Monday's report it appears that the IDF are taking a more systematic approach. When faced with guerrilla warfare, organization is extremely important. The use of border police mentioned in the report is obviously another lesson learned. Guerrilla warfare must be treated as a military and police operation, the goal being to control, pacify and gradually wear down the other side.

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break their bones' attitude. That was a complete misconception of the situation. Armies don't win guerrilla warfare, the most they hope to achieve is to grind themselves to a standoff situation. The only way to beat a guernilla is to become one yourself.

Could guerrilla warfare escalate and lead to violent confrontation between Israel and its Arab neighbors?

It would depend on the level of action taking place. There would definitely be a stage where other Arab countries such as Egypt and Jordan would be unable to resist pressure to take some sort of action. For instance they may recall their ambassadors or something like that. Although the possibility should oot be overlooked, it is a remote one. But it definitely should not be ignored.

Why was the report announced now?

Perhaps it is an attempt to signal the government, the other side or even a third party. The IDF is definitely aware of the political dimensions of its activities. For instance if guerrilla warfare breaks out it will bappen in Palestinian-controlled areas. A political decision will have to be made to order the army into those areas.

How costly would it be to prepare military units to combat guer-rilla warfare taking into account the Defense Ministry budget cuts? A small oumber of forces is used to combat guerrilla warfare, therefore I do not believe this will be a factor either way. While it won't be cheap, the cost definitely won't be prohibitive.

How would Israeli society react to guerrilla warfare?

A point that one should consider is armies always manage, but is society prepared?

The issue is far more important and sensitive than the economic or military operations involved. After going through the intifada and the peace process, the question is whether Israeli society will be able to go through another trauma and at what price. The military report also hinted the likelihood of soldiers refusing to obey orders. Although I doubt this will happen in the regular army it may become a problem among reservists, especially if the warfare is prolonged. Margot Dudkevisch

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NEWS

Geula Even to be sole 'Mabat' anchor

By HELEN KAYE

Its eyes firmly on the younger generation and the 21st century, ITV has announced that Mabat will have a new look and 26year-old Geula Even will replace Haim Yavin as sole anchor on the nightly news program from October 5.

Gilad Adin, 30, the man most recently touted to be Even's coanchor, will be her permanent substitute and "will co-anchor with her for special events," said ITV head Yair Stern, adding that we decided to go with a single anchor after a great deal of soulsearching and are happy that we've decided on the best there

"No guy wanted me, so I'll be single," Even joked. The announcement ends sever-

al months of speculation only half satisfied when Even's status was confirmed last month. Other possible co-anchors named included Washington correspondent Ehud Ya'ari and sportscaster Meir Einstein. Like Even, Adin has been at

ITV four years. He is a special correspondent, a job he will retain, and also a presenter on the Saturday night news program Ro'im Olam.

Expressing satisfaction that Channel 1's Ayala Hasson and Shelli Yichimovitch were named Women of the Year in broadcasting on Channel 2 last night, Stern further stated that "this has been a splendid year professionally," and mentioned the news teams' "many scoops", including the Bar-On affair and what he termed



Yair Stern, ITV Channel One director, speaks to Geula Even yesterday about her new role.

the yeshiva draft-dodging scanholidays.

Even's former beat, the Friday Mabat will have an entirely news magazine, will add news new look with a new set, new presenter Orit Lavi and Stern logo, new graphics and new also revealed that the Saturday music said news division managnight weekly program round-np

will be revamped after the Mabat's emphasis would remain in depth news coverage. "We'll have the same mind, the

same body, but new clothes," he quipped. The most recent countrywide er Rafik Halaby. He stressed that Channel 1 poll showed that 66%

of the population regularly watched the news. Channel 1 news was most consistently rated as the 'in-depth' news channel with 27% switching on for serious coverage over 25% for Channel 2.

(Flash 90)

Swiss bank guard honored

By ARYEH DEAN COHEN

Christoph Meili, the guard who he said. "I looked in them and found was fired by the Union Bank of properties in Berlin, and saw the Switzerland after preventing records dates in the '30s and '40s. of Nazi-confiscated Jewish property from being destroyed, said yesterday that he was inspired by the movie, properties came into the bank's possession. There was one in which the bank paid 46 Reichmarks for one Schindler's List.

Meili was given an award for humanitarian values and ethics at Boystown Jerusalem, a religious boarding school. The prize was founded in memory of Jan Zwartendijk, an honorary Dutch diplomat who helped Jews escape from Lithuania by issuing bogus visas to Curacao.

Rabhi Ronald Gray, Boystown's executive vice pres-ident, said Meili was honored for doing "the right thing because it's the right thing to da.' Some 500 pupils

at Boystown gave Meili a hero's welcome. Some hoisted him on their shoulders, and because of

the commotion, a white satin kippa he received as a prize nearly fell off his head.

Meili told a news conference that he saw Schindler's List before he came upon the documents that were slated for the shredder at the Swiss

bank last winter. He said he felt just as Schindler did when he saw Nazis confiscating Jewish property and ordering the Jews out

It was the night of January 8, he recalled. "I was on my watch, working as a security guard at the Union Bank of Switzerland. When I went to the shredding room on a control check, I found two containers overflowing with old books."

He said one book was entitled, Directional Protocol from Swiss National Bank, 1915-1916.' 1 thought to myself: 'Wow, this is very important.' I fought with myself, and then 1 went back and 1 looked some more. 1 took the stuff out, and then 1 saw a complete documentation of bank business from 1875 to the 1970s."

Meili said he remembered reading about New York Senator Alfonse D'Amato's research into allegations that Swiss banks were still holding onto assets deposited by Jews who

Switzerland because of the police investigation. He found refuge in Christoph Meili (isaac Harari)

with his family, supported by donations.

"My motivation was to bring these documents to Jewish people, to Holocaust survivors or people who could do the research," Meili said. "I was thinking that the survivors have the right to see these documents now... All this shredding made me very angry."

While in Israel, Meili said he hoped to track down at least one survivor whose property he may have helped save.

Ed Fagan, lead counsel for Holocaust survivors suing the Swiss banks for money and property, credited Meili with finding "proof, the interconnection between the Nazis' banks and the Jewish money."

Fagan said the list uncovered by Meili contained properties from one of the first forced Aryanizations in Berlin in the 1930s. Also documented are dates when Swiss banks took possession of the properties, Fagan said. Fagan said that the Swiss banks would not be defeated by lawyers, "but by little old ladies named Mrs. Sapir and Mrs. Weishaus, and a nice, young Swiss bank guard who had ; the courage to say I will not let this

Swiss newspapers slam Jewish groups

By MARILYN HENRY and news agencies

Swiss newspapers yesterday hlasted world Jewish groups for delaying the launch of payments by Switzerland's humanitarian fund and raised questions about their "credibility."

"Switzerland has repeatedly been accused of not moving fast enough on this aid," Zurich's Tages-Anzeiger wrote. "For the first time, this accusation now falls back on those who have raised it the loudest."

has SF 170 million from the three ally distributed conservative paper, major Swiss banks and industry, suggested the government think about kicking the WJRO off of the was unable to decide on Monday fund and find its own ways to make about initial payments to needy aid payments. "The Federal Council Holocaust survivors because the World Jewish Restitution [government], which is acting here Organization failed to provide as an administrator for private proposals for distributing the cash. industry that paid for the fund, can no longer afford to let itself be played with like this," it wrote, Nor did any of the dozen Jewish members attend the meeting in Tages-Anzeiger said the delay of There are three Jewish seats on

aid proposals suggested Jewish the fund executive, and the WJRO groups are unable to agree on who has nine seats on the fund council. should receive the money. "One Citing the illness of two Jewish way or the other, there are doubis about the ability and the credibility those who until now have

pushed with noble arguments for rapid aid for Holocaust victims." the paper wrote.

"Empty chairs have a symbolic value," said Bund in the capital, Bern, adding that the absence of Jewish leaders could fuel antisemitism, in addition to the existing resentment against international criticism of Switzerland's World War II role. "Accusations will he raised that Jewish organizations are not serious shout this help for Holocaust victims. Antisemitic. tones can be expected," Bund wrote. Meanwhile, the New York State

anking Department

office in Manhattan to help survivors and heirs trace and claim assets withheld by Swiss banks and European insurance companies. The move was seen as useful, but

belated. The New York claims office comes months after the Volcker Committee set up an expedited system for processing claims. It also appeared to be a tacit acknowledgement that while Jewish organizations have devoted their attention to_the political aspects of Holocaust-era Jewish assets, they' have not provided practical assis-

the United States where he was made a permanent resident, and lives in the New York area

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Holocaust fund becomes 'franc follies'

million in the bank, unrelenting media attention, and authority from the Swiss government. But more than six months after it was formed to benefit needy Holocaust survivors, the Swiss humanitarian fund has yet to allocate a shekel.

The fund, instead, bas become the "franc follies," characterized by snafus and shenanigans without getting to substance.

The major Swiss banks - facing a forensic audit of Holocaustera dormant accounts and billion-dollar lawsuits in the US at the beginning of the year initiated the humanitarian fund with a contribution of SF 100 million francs.

The hanks then dumped the headache of distribution by turning the money over to the Swiss government. Bern, in turn, negotiated with the World Jewish Restitution Organization in Febtuary, agreeing on an ordinance on the fund's composition and structure.

The fund to help needy Jewisb and non-Jewish Nazi victims was legally established on March 1. It would have a seven-member executive, with three Jews and four Swiss. The president is a Swiss Jew, Rolf Bloch. The fund would also have an 18-member council, nine of whom are Jews named by the WJRO, which chose its own members for the posts.

The Jewish side, however, fumbled for months over a sustainable slate for its three slots on the executive. The WJRO songht

NEW YORK - It has SF 170 "stratosphere" candidates, individuals of such prestige that they would rule out all the "usual suspects" - thus deflating competition among numerous Jewisb groups without offending egos. That strategy failed.

delegates, all declined to attend.

Bern.

The original choices were Likud MK Avraham Herschson, who deals with restitution in the Knesset, Nobel Laureate Elie

Wiesel, and Stuart Eizenstat, wbo BACKGROUND was then US undersecretary of commerce

and the leader of an American historical panel that in May released a report on Nazi gold.

Eizenstat couldn't take the post because the US government did not want its foreign policy dragged into Jewisb political dispntes. His replacement was National Religious Party elder statesman Josef Burg.

Then there was a weeks-long brouhaha over a special title for Wiesel - a title that did not exist. At the beginning of May, the Swiss government gave Wiesel the powerless title of "doyen international chairman" - only to be told days later that Wiesel did not want the job, because he did not want to "quantify the suffer-ing of others."

On May 28, the Swiss Federal Council named Edgar Bronfman, president of the World Jewish Congress, to replace Wiesel and said it boped the bumanitarian fund "can soon assume its work

Netanyahu's attack on the

Bronfman, though, was only holding the scat, and did not attend the first meeting of the executive. At that meeting, held in July in Bern, the fund decided to release 10 percent of its assets to survivors, and called on the fund council to submit proposals for spending it.

tims who are already aging."

Holocaust Survivors, is expected to be confirmed this month by the Swiss government.)

The next monkey wrench came last month in Basel, when Jewish Agency Chairman Avraham Burg aggravated the Swiss by calling for the operation of the humanitarian fund to be turned over to the WJRO - the partner that had originally negotiated the existing structure.

"We were always told that there were Holocaust survivors dying daily and the Swiss banks and the government were dragging our feet," said Thomas Borer, the envoy dealing with Switzerland's World War II history. Instead, there was "a lot of quarreling going on [about] which organization should have the money and

which should give it." In a way, said Bloch, who also is the bead of the Swiss-Jewisb community, Burg's statement "was understood as the Jewish

to benefit needy Holocaust vicon all the money and just take over."

The Jewish Agency's role also (Bronfman's replacement,

Benjamin Meed, bead of the American Gathering of of

fund said: Prove it, and set a deadline of September 25 for the fund allocations.

the fund begins to allocate the money it already has, asking for new contributions is, said one Swiss official, "acting like a beggar whose hat is full."

Barak: Netanyahu attacking Histadrut

By MICHAL YUDELMAN

Labor Party leader Ebud Barak yesterday slammed Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu for slandering workers and the Histadrut, saying he is picking on "an imaginary enemy" to hide his own shortcomings.

Barak was referring to Netanyahu's attacks on the previous government and especially the Histadrut for "robbing the state and now they want us to finance their bloated peusions.

Speaking to local labor council secretaries, Barak said that attacks to his feelings of help-

workers was unprecedented and unbridled, noting that be was "picking on an imaginary enemy, the workers, the Histadrut, and its chairman, Amir Peretz, in a vaiu attempt to cover np his failures." Barak said the difficult eco-

nomic situation and rising unemployment are a clear result of the stalemate in the peace process, "which is leading to the absence of security and an increase in terrorism, which in turn lead to a reduction in investments and tourism, and a growth in unemployment." Pereiz attributed Netanyahu's

lessness in the face of the deteriorating economy and increase in memployment. He said "the prime minister probably senses that the government's line, based on incitement against the Histadrut, bas failed. The prime minister likes to talk about America, but the America be presents is the America of the new millionaires [wbich will grow] on our backs."

Peretz said the Histadrut is fighting to protect the lower income workers' pension, which the government is trying to damage, and that the stronger workers' unions will join the battle to protect the weaker OD65.

Meanwhile, the Histadrut announced that no passenger or freight trains will roll between 10 a.m. and noon today, and that sanctions will also continue at the oil refineries in Haifa and Ashdod, the Haifa and Ashdod ports, the Electric Corp., Public Works Authority, Fire Department, Tadiran, electronics and metal plants across the country, the municipalities of Holon, Kiryat Shmona, Ashdod, Kiryat Malachi, and Yavne, The Arava, Yoav, and Azata local councils, and the

Tel Aviv Religious Council.

Agency wanting to put its band

perplexed some of the Swiss, who noted that the agency does not have allocations that are specifically intended for survivors. It was perceived that Burg wanted the Swiss money to trim his budget deficit and also saw "Sboah business" as new programming to enhance the

agency. Programs were supposed to be on the agenda, when the officials the bumanitarian fund met Monday in Bern. But the WJRO failed to submit proposals and en masse - it did not attend Monday's meeting, citing the illnesses of two of its nine members and scheduling conflicts of others. The WJRO said its absence was "not an expression of political controversy," to which the

WJRO to submit proposals for The Swiss government, meanwhile, issued an unusual criticism of the WJRO, saying that because of its absence and lack of a proposals, "necessary belp to thousands of elderly victims in need will unfortunately be delayed."

Also delayed, apparently, are solicitations for the fund. Until

Some 50 fragments of medieval manuscripts are now at the Israel Museum. Sounds dull? Well, they form one of the most exciting and moving exhibitions I have ever seen.

> Meir Ronnen The Jerusalem Post

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Red Cross: N. Korean famine killing 10,000 children a month

By EMMA THOMASSON

BONN (Reuters) - The German Red Cross yesterday called the famine in North Korea one of the worst the world has seen since World War II, and said around 10,000 children are dying of starvation every month.

German Red Cross spokeswoman Susanne Anger, who had just returned from two weeks in the south and northwest of the reclusive Stalinist state, pleaded for more international food and medical aid to save lives.

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"An entire people is starving as the result of several natural disasters and a precarious economic situation," Anger told a news conference in Bonn. "The mortality rate for children under

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By IRWIN ARIEFF

PARIS (Reuters) - The body-

guard wbo survived the car

crash in which Princess Diana

died is conscious and able to

talk, bospital officials said yes-

terday, raising bopes be could

soon belo investigators fill in the

The condition of Trevor Rees-

Jones, who has been under tight

guard in intensive care in a Paris

bospital since the August 31

improved...He is fully conscious

and can communicate although

he tires easily," a statement said.

was able to communicate pri-

marily by writing but was also

to be questioned about the caus-

es of the central Paris crasb

which killed Diana, companion

Dodi Fayed and their driver

had been taken off artificial res-

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lung wound was under cootrol. "In the next few days, he

should be able to recover full

The statement said Rees-Jones

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An official said Rees-Jones

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Henri Paul.

seven has risen to 40 percent. About 800,000 children are chronically undernourished and have severe developmental damage. Nine- or 10-year-olds look like three- or four-year-olds."

Anger said these calculations were made on the basis of the declining number of childreo attending kindergartens and information from other aid agencies.

She said the alarming estimate by World Vision, a Christian aid group, that at least half a million of North Korea's population of 22 million had starved to death in the famine could not be ruled out.

"At least half a million people have died, probably closer to one to two million." Andrew Natsios, a World Vision vice president told CNN International earlier yesterday.

Anger said the situation was most serious in the northeast of the secretive state, where no foreigners or aid organizations are being allowed access, making it difficult to give a total estimate of famine vic-

"According to estimates by the Red Cross and other international aid organizations, we are dealing with the world's worst hunger catastrophe since the end of the Second World War," the German Red Cross said in a statement.

Anger said she had seen children with severe eczema and open wounds, and said people were eating roots and digging up public parks and roads to make space 10 cultivate food.

"The average rice ration has sunk to a daily 100 grams per person. People are

supplementing their scanty rations with grass roots and sawdust," she said.

Anger said 90 percent of North Korea's industry has ground to a halt because of a lack of fuel and electricity, roads are empty of cars and people are working with their bare hands in the fields rather than using tractors.

She said the Red Cross, the only international aid agency to be allowed to directly distribute food, was providing 740,000 people of with daily nourishment. But she saw little chance of an improvement in the country.

"We fear that this precarious situation will continue. Soil has been washed away by flooding, and deforestation means that rain water will flow faster and flooding will be more frequent," she said.

Diana's Norwegians dump socialist premier bodyguard

By SIMON HAYDON

OSLO (Reuters) - Norway awoke with a hangover yesterday after dumping Labor Party Prime Minister Thorbjoern Jagland. But the door was opened to months of political wrangling. Financial markets in Norway.

which operate with oil-backed fundamentals that make the economy one of the strongest in Europe, did not like what they read in the newspapers. They marked down the crown and stocks and pushed up interest rates.

Market players said, however, that Norway's wealth was so well underpinned that government troubles were unlikely to have any lasting effect.

The total sbare index fell 0.6 percent to 1,283.38 but the crown clawed back losses to stand at 4.1355/85 by mid-morning, after falling to a near threeweek low of 4.1570 in early trade.

S-E Banken Norway Chief Economist Oeystein Stephansen said the election result would weaken the crown but did not see any long-term fall. "The crown will still be backed by a solid foreign trade surplus." Labor's share of the vote only slipped by less than two percentage points and they lost just two seats. But Jagland bad backed himself into a corner by insisting the party must match the 36.9% it won at the last poll in 1993.

Mir-mir mirth and Mir-mir miracle Prophet and metaphor The Russians are plan-Amazingly, here were setence-fiction writers not only

ning to put cosmonauts on the moon this year. but they're not launching a mission - they'll just wait for Mir to crash into it. There's a new crisis on Mir - duct tape fatigue. Yes, it's the first space mission to provide ample daily fod-

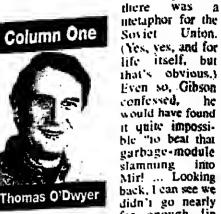
der for Jay Leno and lesser stand up comics across the world. So much so that when yesterday's news of a near collision between Mir and an American military satellite broke, the first reaction tended to be - "yes, and what's the punchline?" lt wasn't funny, if

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shead of the game, like those

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Internet, but ahead of an

endgame, like Mir. They pre-

dicted its hunch, its life and its decay. Now

the Red Stur story.j" He's being far too humble - we remain in awe of his powets, The Mir space station's crew has been battling for months against a relentless procession of near disasters - the collision with the cargo ship, a fire, computer crashes, failed oxygen generators, leaks, unconwolled spinning into darkness and out of control. So why not a US military satellite hurtling towards and (phew!) past them at a zillion meters per

Battling Boris Yeltsin, never slow to deflect incoming criticism faster than any docking maneuver, last month scolded all his fellow Russians for their lack of interest in the space drama being enacted in the skies over their apathetic heads. He could have been chiding the whole civilized world for daring to get bored with space.

Boris should remember it is the fate of pioneers (like prophets) to be disregarded in their own time as well as in

And Russians should not despair. Mir may have become a Leoo laugh-in, but the faults and failings of its old age bave humanized the somewhat sterile-shiny image of space exploration. Machines collide and computers crash. We all know that. It is what highlights the triumph of man's dogged determination to beat evolution at its own game - even the evolution of man's own creations. Apollo astronauts ferried bome a wrecked moonship 20 years ago after NASA know-italls bad scoffed at all the superstitious doomsayers who warned them not to number the mission 13. Space, the future home of our descendants, will be won by human courage, ingenuity, and good luck. It must not be abandoned to mere human frailty, error and misfortune. Boldly - way to go!

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Thomas O'Dwyer far enough lin already bruised by one serious collision, had a near miss when the US space projectile whizzed a mere 470 meters past its nose. In terms of space distances, that's a lot less than the width of a gnat's whisker. The cosmonauts buddled in their emergency escape capsule for half an bour, said Russian Mission

Nonsense, said NASA officials at Houston Space Center. An inoperative US scieoce satellite passed by 1.2 km from Mir. "Nothing major, it happens every month," said one official. Setting aside the fact that a near second? miss of one kilometer once a mooth from a hunk of metal traveling several thousand kilometers an bour sounds a little too close for comfort, the questioo arises as to whether Mir is somehow now generating its own jokes for the Tonight show.

Cosmic dice

Or are Russia's Mir-keepers generating scary publicity to keep the show on the road and the space statioo's economic woes in the minds of government ministers? Now that sounds like a mighty dangerous game of playing dice with cos-mic forces. If space stations can't generate jokes, it is by no means certain that prophesies cannot generate their own fulfillment

And speaking of prophets, most of us know by now that high technology's frenetic drive into the future and the cosmos is built on visualizations by pioneering science-fiction writers. This ultra-modern phenomenon began with visiooaries like Jules Verne and H.G. Wells, and continues with thousands of their literary descendants who continue to predict the future with alarming regularity and accuracy. One such is the novelist William Gibson, creator of the noire cyber-punk genre. He said in a recent interview that the best science fiction of the 1990s is not in bis books but on CNN's daily news. He was referring to Mars Pathfinder, Mars Explorer - and Mir. Gibson and his collaborator Bruce Sterling wrote a story in the 1980s called Red Star. Winter Orbit. It was set in a dilapidated Soviet space station which was slowly falling apart.

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their own lands. Yeltsin may be right in saying we bave become indifferent and weary of the fanfares for outer space and have decided problems of inner cities are more important. But the ultimate direction and value of pioneering ventures can only be appreciated with bindsight.

autonomy," the authority said. Doctors who operated oo Rees-Jones, 29, bave warned police that he might be suffering from partial amnesia about the crash.

Doctors say it is common for accident victims to bave no recollection of a crash while anaesthetics used in surgery can also contribute to erase any memories. Rees-Jones has undergone hours of surgery to reconstruct his smashed face.

Rees-Jones' eye-witness testimony could be vital to the criminal inquiry into the causes of the crash, which has so far targeted nine paparazzi photographers and a motorcyclist for a photographic agency on suspicion of manslaughter and failure to assist accideot victims.

"Hoist by his own petard," ran the headline in the conservative daily Aftenposten.

Labor will have 65 of the 165 seats in parliameot, according to figures published when 95% of

the vote had been counted. Apart from Labor's defeat, Norway's traditional political calm was shattered by the stunning success of the far-right Progress Party, which won 15.3% of the vote and 25 sears in parliament.

The Progress Party, a neo-Thatcherite grouping led by charismatic former businessman Carl Hagen, gathered the protest votes of Norwegians who feel their massive oil wealth is being poured into the wrong pockets. The Labor government has

Valgerd Svarstad Haugland (left), leader of the Christian Democratic Party, and Kjell Magne Bondevik, its candidate for premier, rejoke over the first exit polls in yesterday's Norwegian vote (AP)

launched a Petroleum Find to mop up the billions of oil dollars flooding into Norway's economy, but opinion polls showed Norwegians felt their health and welfare services and schools were suffering. The next prime minister of

Norway looks set to be Kiell Magne Bondevik, a former priest and ex-foreign minister who heads a three-party centrist coalition that can gamer 42 seats. "I see no reason why I should-

n't be Norway's new prime minister but I have to wait to see if 1'm asked," he said.

Bondevik began the prickly process of trying to put togeth. er a coalition government yesterday, although he has a breathing space until mid-October as Jagland pledged to present the annual hudger before quitting. The budget is

due on October 13. Bondevik said he would be careful in putting together a coalition that is likely only to have around 45 seats in the 165member parliament.

We don't see any reason for a government to commit suicide in its policy declarations," he said.

Many analysts say Bondevik's coalition will be too fragile to last through the harsh Norwegian political winter and that it will be snuffed out by the Labor Party or hy conservative groups.

Bondevik said he would seek cross-party support for his policies and there were even reports he would seek to patch up differences with the Conservative Party and form a much more powerful four-party coalition.

Such a coalition would be a repeat of one that ruled for several years in the 1980s.

Polish candidates strangely silent on flood catastrophe

WARSAW (Reuter) - A strange silence over July's catastrophic floods has descended on campaigning for Poland's parliamentary elections on Sunday.

While thousands of families await the menacing cold of autumn in ruined homes or temporary shelters, party election broadcasts talk of law and order, family values, education. or which party honored what promises in the last 1993 polls.

No party, government or opposi-tion, is highlighting the floods which for weeks ravaged Poland's south and west, causing billions of dollars worth of damage which has to be fixed.

"It [the flood issue] really has disappeared," Andrzej Pilat, minister in charge of the relief and reconstruction effort, told a radio interviewer. "For everyone this seems to be

something which happened some time ago... except for the people affected - for them this drama is perhaps even worse than it was a month-and-a-half ago, because the cold is starting."

In Klodzko, a southern town partially ruined in the disaster, Mayor Malgorzata Kwiatkowska is seriously alarmed.

"We are almost without any help. All the time we are told here everyone will help us, but I don't see very much." Kwiatkowska, an opposition candidate, said.

She fears that unless ravaged areas get money fast, while parties are seeking votes and memories of the horror are fresh in the rest of Poland, the issue will die, money will gradually dry up, and recovery

will take a decade. Among other measures, the government has promised to build 1,300 houses before winter for the most needy familles made homeless in the floods, which struck 1.5 percent of Polish territory and devastaled hundreds of villages and towns.

In Klodzko alone the flood made the homes of 500 families uninhabitable. The town has been promised 100 of the government houses for the poorest and 25 are

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Kwiatkowska, whose town is also paying to make other ruined properties habitable, but will have to demolish scores of devastated hous-

She said the town budget, its income slashed by lost rent and taxes from people made jobless, is already in the red.

Klodzko is not alone. In the city of Wroclaw some streets are still piled with heaps of debris, broken floorboards, and hopelessly sullied furniture from wrecked homes.

There are varied reasons for the silence on the floods, which two months ago looked set to be a central issue in the polls, as the opposition accused the government of gross bungling.

Party insiders say it is partly to avoid being seen as making political capital from misery - which could backfire.

There are signs that the huge the floods - although he later said he had been raising funds for victims floods are feeling compassion fatigue, shown by lower interest in charity events to help the victims. Those directly affected, although numbering hundreds of thousands. are so scattered geographically and politically split as not to make a big

election difference nationwide. Moreover, neither of the two biggest parties emerges either entirely well or complete-..... ly badly from the

episode, making it a tricky campaign issue to handle.

Minister Prime Wlodzimierz Cimoszewicz, of the ruling ex-communist Democratic Left Alliance (SLD), slipped up early in the floods with remarks about how ruined farmers should have been insured. These seemed callous and he later

apologized After a clumsy start to relief operations, the government sprung into action and does not seem to be lastingly harmed.

According to sociologist Lena Kolarska-Bobinska, opinion surveys suggest Poles do not blame the government over the floods, which were sudden and worse than anyone expected.

The main opposition party. Solidarity Election Action (AWS), might be vulnerable if it is too vocal on the floods.

its leader, Solidarity trade union chief Marian Krzaklewski, failed 10 interrupt a holiday in Italy during

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and the union launched a large voluntary aid effort. In a public relations nightmare, a

magazine published an earlier interview with him on the joys of Italian wine, food, and sun. AWS spokesman Tomasz

Tywonek said the party would press its own proposals for further action and point out shortcomings in the government program. But not as part of its campaign.

Although Cimoszewicz's own approval ratings dipped briefly, the two leading election contenders are still roughly level with support hovering around 25 percent each.

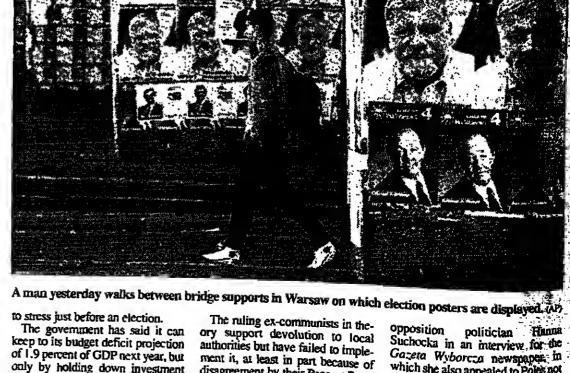
The floods did not change political preferences in any fundamental way," Janusz Durlik, head of the public CBOS polling institute, told a news conference this month.

One explanation for the campaign hush over the floods was identified by Kwiatkowska, who excluded her own Union for Freedom (UW) from the criticism.

"[The parties] don't seem to want to make declarations, talk about money and removing the floods' effects, as maybe they will get to power and have to honor the promises," she said.

Pilat's government department has not yet published estimates of the total cost of the damage, saying only by holding down investment information from local authorities is projects in the rest of the country. hard to assess.

The impact on the economy is notable, adding to the need for any future government to follow an austere policy that it might be easier not



disagreement by their Peasant Party

Many local authorities say the dis-

This was the message driven

home by former prime minister and

aster showed up the cost and ineffi-

ciency of central decision-making.

partners.

One sphere in which the floods

have stimulated the election debate

is over the need for decentralization

of government, a cause strongly

advocated by the opposition.

Gazeta Wyborcza newspaper in which she also appealed to Poles not. to forget the floods and their stillsuffering victims.

The floods are not just a problem for people in inundated areas, bot our national problem which stamps its mark on us all. We must slifted responsible," she said.

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Asians wary of China's power Bracing for El Nino

By RENE PASTOR

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SINGAPORE - Rocking on gently rolling swells, the USS Constellation basked in the tropical sun of Singapore. A light breeze raked the flight deck, where several F-14 Tomcat and F-18 Hornet fighters were parked.

The aircraft carrier is a potent symbol of US power, allowing Washington to fly the flag in trouble spots from Asia to the Middle East

"That is our business, promoting stability, showing that we're there to stand with our friends and allies," Captain Rockluo "Rocky" Deal, commanding officer of the Constellation, told a small group of reporters on a recent tour of the vessel.

"If an aggressor appears in any theater, [we're] ready to join with friends and allies to curb aggression."

But Southeast Asian countries are worried about the ebbing tide of US power in the region brought on by budget constraints in Washington, officials and security analysts say.

The US factor in maintaining the regional strategic equilibrium may not be indefinitely sustained as emerging regional powers could disturb the balance," a Philippine Defense Department study said.

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The next power that most Southeast Asian nations will be watching out for, the analysts say, is China. With China's ecooomy expanding at a rapid rate over the past decade, it will not be long before Beijing becomes a major military, economic and political force in the area, they said. Dewi Fortuna Anwar, an expert

on regiocal affairs at the Indonesian Academy of Sciences, said there was still "an underlying suspicion [about] China's intentions in the region.

"The growth of China and its economy and the ability to fuel its military development is a major concern to Indonesia, given the fact that there are a lot of unresolved territorial disputes in the region, particularly in the South China Sea, and also because China has yet to renounce the use of force to settle disputes," she said.

Rival claims to the Spratly islands, where Chinese and Vietnamese forces clashed about 10 years ago, hang like a cloud over the region.

There have been testy exchanges between Manila and Beijing, especially over China's construction of structures in a part of the Spratlys that the Philippines feels is too close to its territory and a threat to its security. China has claimed the entire

South China Sea, sparking disputes with Vietnam, Malaysia, and even tiny Brunei. Outgoing Philippine Defense Secretary Renato de Villa said

that as China "unleashes its own energies for its own development, we could see that it is going to be a major player" in the region. "When we look down the road,

we see that China will become a world power," he said.

Harry Harding, a prominent Sinologist with George Washington University, said in a lecture in Singapore that "many of China's neighbors are worried. "They see that China has the growing attributes of national power, economic and military in particular. They see, too, China has territorial disputes on land



A robust economy will provide China the means to fuel its military development. (Camera Press Ltd.)

and at sea with many of its neigh- is fueled by a robust economy. bors," be said.

California, here they come

A report by the Armed Forces of the Philippines said several countries were "apprehensive of the security posture a superpower China may adopt" especially when its military modernization program

More importantly, there is the perception that China intends to make Southeast Asia as its sphere of influence, especially with its declaration of sovereignty over the South China Sea," the study said. Beijing scoffs at such claims.

"These are wild allegatioos by some critics to undermine the progress which China bas made. They have no basis," Premier Li Peng told local reporters in Singapore.

He said China was focusing on developing its ecooomy and its armed forces were for defense.

China has the largest navy in the world, but security experts said most of its ships were meant for coastal defense and attempts to build it up to challenge the navies of other major powers would take time.

Li said up to 60 million of China's 1.2 billion people still lived in poverty.

China bas made much progress, but to become a moderately stroog country, it will take another 30, 50 or more years," he said. "The China threat theory is therefore totally baseless."

Mobammed Jawhar Hassan, director-geoeral at think-tank Institute of Strategic and International Studies in Kuala Lumpur, said China bas almost always been a "generally benign DOWER.

"It has never been as aggressive as some of the Western powers or Japan. Whether or not it become assertive with regard to its dispute in Southeast Asia will depend upon the balance of forces," be said.

Shahril Talib, a professor at the Department of Southeast Asian Studies io the University of Malaya, was even more blunt.

We've oot seen an aggressive China, a military China, only a market-oriented China. 1 see markets bringing together exchange, bringing together dialogue, and I see no problems in the next 20 years." (Reuters) inflation.

LONDON - Low river levels more than \$13b. of damage worldcripple Papua New Guinea mines. Peru revises down growth

forecasts. Coffee and cocoa prices soar. Across the globe the El Nino weather phenomenon, caused by the warming of Pacific waters off South America, is already being

blamed for economic turmoil. Weather-beateo economists are still struggling to make sense of the true impact of El Nino, or the boy child." named after Jesus by Peruvian fisherman

because it tends to peak at Christmas Weather Report

But a few likely macro-economic trends are becoming clear. A growing oumber of countries are contemplating the prospect of drought withering staple crops while others brace for

"No one is able to identify the global effects but the basic picture markets at HSBC in London. South African Agriculture Minister Derek Hanekom said last week that the expected onset of the El Nino drought could halve the country's corn crop, costing

more than one billion rand (\$213 million) in lost exports. In Asia, the drought bas already

arrived, posing a fresh threat to a region already hit by reeling currencies and stock markets. Countries such as the Philippines and Indonesia face a double threat if forced to import dollar-priced rice or corn with weakened currencies, pushing up

> has been aggravated by El Nino. The most direct impact of this

> year's El Nino, tipped by some

scieotists to be the most severe

The Chicago Board of Trade

wide, including more than \$2b. of storm and flood damage in the US. US federal agencies are gearing up to limit the damage this time, expected to hit hardest in southern California, by promoting flood insurance and encouraging builders to shore up structures.

The country closest to the phenomenon, Peru, is already bracing for the impact. The central bank recently forecast a slowdown in economic growth to 5 percent in 1998 from 6 percent in 1997 because of likely floodiog aloog the northern eoast,

droughts in the southern highlands and reduced fish catches. The US investment bank Morgan Stanley Dean Witter said recently that otherwise good prospects for the Lima stock market had been clouded by El Nino

concerns. For investors looking to protect themselves from the financial fallont of the warm Pacific currents there are a few obvious strategies. such as selling hydroelectric shares in drought-prone regions and buying cement stocks jo places where flooding may lead to a reconstruction boom.

But if predicting the weather is hard enough, predicting the economic impact of El Nino's ability to turn global weather patterns upside down is even harder.

The knock-on effects can be highly complex. Shares in Australian mining giant Broken Hill Proprietary Co. Ltd. tumbled this month when its Ok Tedi copper mine in Papua New Guinea declared force majeure on concentrate deliveries because of lack of water in the Fly River, the main-anery for shipments. El Nino has Famine-stricken North Korea has been pushed to the brink by a drought which scientists believe been blamed for the low river levels.

Elsewhere, the El Nino effect is not turning out as badly as some pundits had expected. The Indian monsoon, for example, has apparently escaped unscathed, although some fear a poor monsoon may yet be seen in 1998, causing widespread damage across the sub-continent which is heavily dependent on agricultural production.

All the evidence suggests that the current El Nino weather pattero, the 13th since 1950, rivals the record one seen in 1982 with average surface water temperature in the eastern Pacific in August more than three degrees above the yearly average. That will hit economies and markets - but picking an investment strategy through the meteo-rological maze remains a gamble. Reuters

moving away from low-skilled SANTA MONICA, California jobs in manufacturing and other Sounding an alarm about heavy immigration, a new study warns sectors, toward service and techthat an increasingly skill-based nology industries in which employers place a premium on a highly California economy cannot continue to absorb large flows of poorly educated work force. educated immigrants - who in Despite this transformation, the

study states, almost half the immigrants to California are from Mexico and Central America, a region that sends among the leasteducated new arrivals. Legions now compete in an increasingly tight low-wage labor market, facing limited prospects for advancement. There appears to be a growing divergence between cuirent trends in the state's economy and immigration policies that are producing a steady inflow of poorly educated immigrants," write the two Rand specialists, Kevin F. McCarthy, a demographer, and Georges Vernez, an urban planner. Quickly denouncing the study's major recommendations are immigrant advocates and others who argue that low-skilled immigrants represent a vibrant, upwardly mobile economic force benefiting all Californians, working for wages that the US-born would not accept. "This sounds like think-tank poppycock" said Frank Sharry, executive director of the National Immigration Forum, a Washington-

based umbrella immigrant advocacy group. "It's smart people thinking that the only thing the country needs is more smart people." California, where one in four residents are now foreign-born -- the

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economy, is croding advantages and creating a widening wage gap between US-born and immigrant Californians even as state and local governments feel an increasing fiscal pinch. The greatest burden falls on the schools, where immigrants and their US-born offspring have increased eurollment.

In comparison with other states

"It's because of low-wage jobs this century, has been seen on the and low-skilled workers that LA's commodity markets. Coffee, manufacturing sectors have been cocoa, grain and soybean prices saved," argued Gregory Rodriguez, have all risen. a research fellow at Pepperdine's Institute for Public Policy, who (CBOT), the world's biggest futures market and the leading exchange for authored a study last year concludagricultural produce, is expecting ing that Latino immigrants and their children were gradually movincreased trading volumes as players hedge against climate risk.

ing into the middle class.

damaging storms and floods.

is that prices will go up, incomes will go down and trade balances will be hit," said David Lubin, economic adviser for emerging

The study by Rand Corp., the Santa Monica-based think tank, provides a sweeping analysis of immigration into California during the past 30 years and offers several provocative recommendations.

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turn pose a growing strain on pub-

lie services while driving US-born

The report, to be released Monday, calls on Congress to reduce new legal admissions to a "moderate range" - between the 300,000 annual average of the 1970s and the 1990s median of about 800,000; to regulate future flows in accordance with changing conditions — allowing the flexibil-ity to curb immigration during times of high unemployment; and to add educational levels and English proficiency as admission criteria to a preference system now heavily based on family ties.

Driving the need for such changes are fundamental shifts in the economy of California, home to more than one-quarter of the nation's immigrants. The state is By Patrick J. McDounell

nation's highest such proportion still enjoys benefits from immigration, acknowledge the Rand authors, who credit foreign settlers with helping to fuel economic progress for more than two decades, until the recession of the early 1990s.

Population growth in California, long fucled by migrants from other states, is now largely driven by immigration. The number of foreign-born people residing in California doubled during the 1970s, then doubled again during the 1980s -- and has continued to rise during the 1990s. On the whole, the study states, immigrants in California are just as productive as US-born workers, though they earn less than their non-immigrant counterparts.

But Rand found the shift toward higher-skill industries, combined with today's generally less robust

California has immigrants who are generally younger, less educated, have higher fertility rates and are more likely to tap into tax-supported assistance. The study calls on Washington to reimburse California and other affected states for the costs of educating and oth-

erwise assisting immigrants. During fiscal 1996, according to government figures, about 900,000 people legally emigrated to the US, 65 percent of whom gained entry because they were relatives of US citizens or permanent residents.

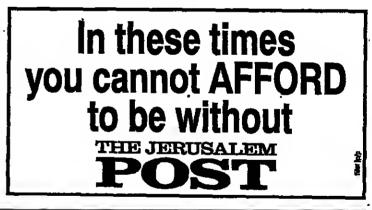
To critics, the Rand assessment overlooks immigrants' continued role in agriculture, manufacturing, the service and apparel sectors and other industries. Many argue that the need for low-skilled immigrant workers will cootinue to grow as the US seeks to retain its competitive edge in a global economy where many employers prize a low-wage work force.

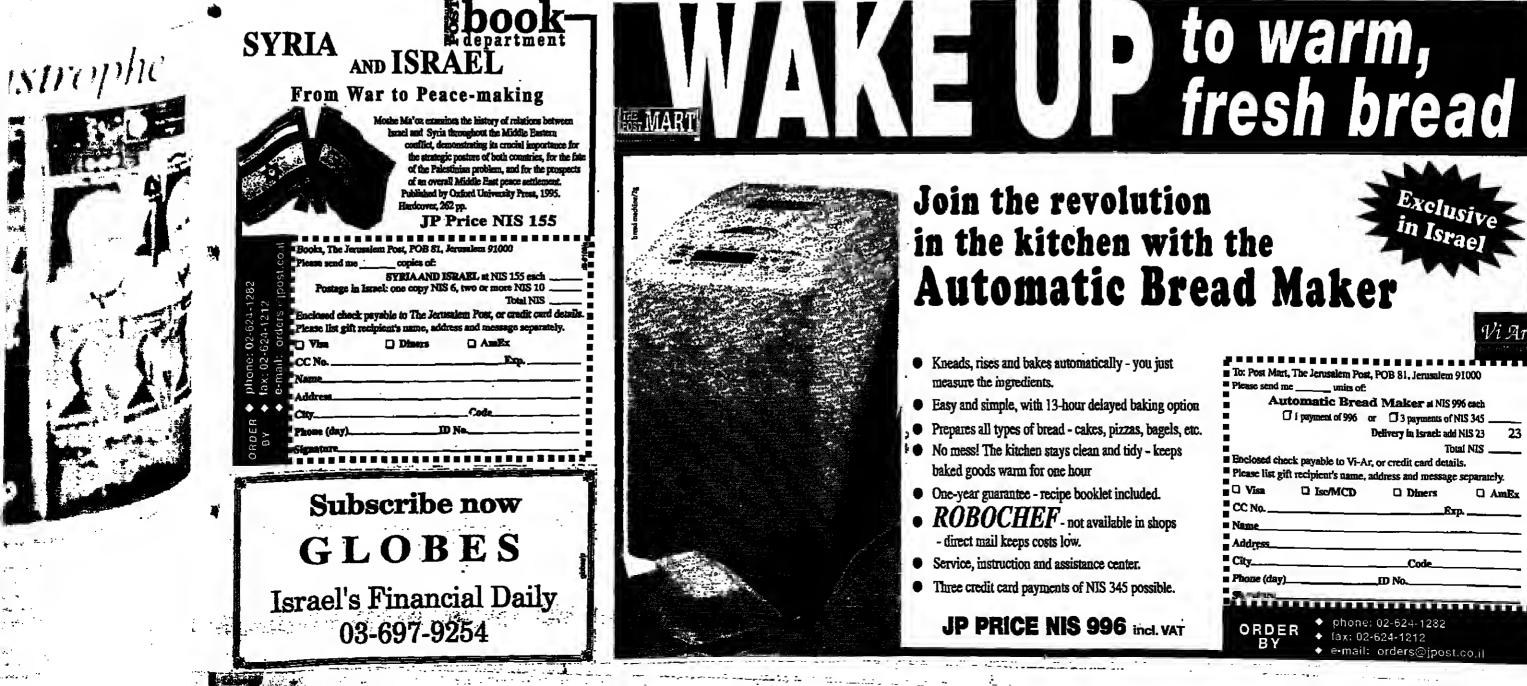
He criticized as elitist Rand's suggestion that preference be given to would-be immigrants who speak English and have high educational levels, a marked departure from a US process long linked to familial connections. "It's saying we don't want striving people anymore," Rodriguez said.

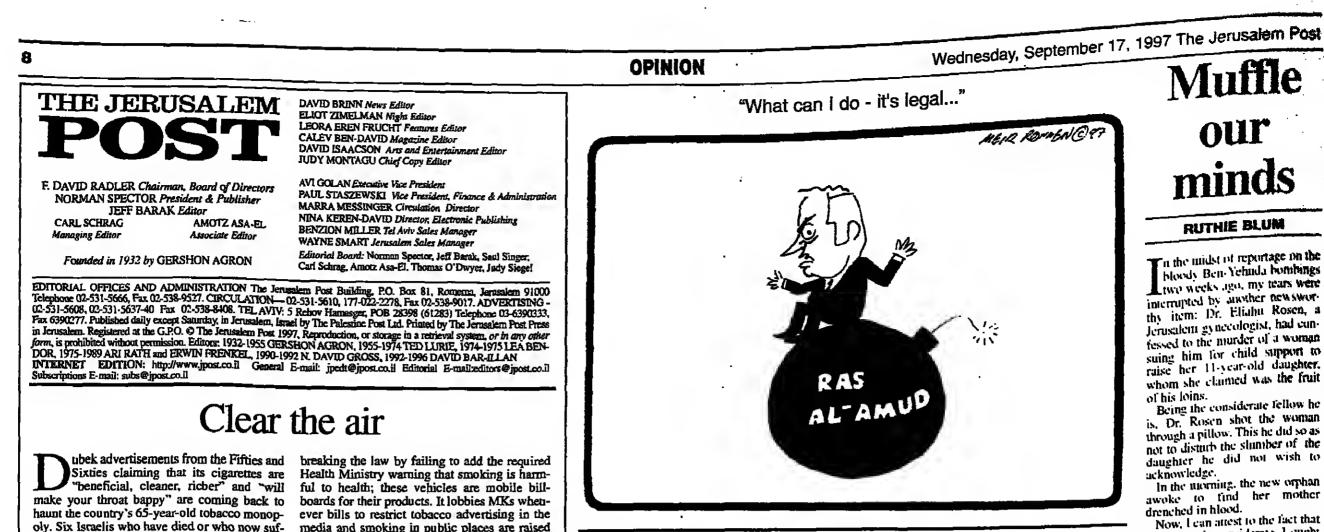
In contrast to the generally bleak outlook for poorly educated immigrants, the report said those with high-school diplomas or advanced degrees will continue to do well. The Rand report comes four

months after an exhaustive study commissioned by the National Academy of Sciences found that immigrants were a net benefit to the US economy. But that study also concluded that taxpayers of certain immigrant-beavy states were contributing more to pay for education and other public services used by immigrant bouseholds. (Los Angeles Times)

The impact may not be limited to commodity futures. The CBOT also sees the possibility of increased activity in its financial futures contracts if inflation picks up and insurance contracts could be boosted as storm damage looms. The last major El Nino, in 1982-83, is estimated to have caused







fer from lung cancer, throat cancer or beart disease and nine of their descendants this week filed a suit in the Tel Aviv District Court demanding NIS 15 million compensation for their suffering. Their lawyers, Gidi Frisbtik and Alon Gellert, asked the court not only to rule in their favor but also to recognize the case as a class-action suit to include some 100,000 other residents whose lives have been shattered by tobacco-related diseases.

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Dubek, which still markets the vast majority of locally made cigarettes and imports a number of foreign brands, bas never admitted the fact that tobacco smoking is deadly. Yet, local and foreign medical studies first produced clear evidence of tobacco's deadliness more than 50 years ago, even before the US Surgeon General's Report made this official in 1964.

Dubek's legal counsel is likely to argue that "no one forced" these former customers to smoke. Frisbtik and Gellert, who have prepared an impressive, three-kilo brief of documents, collections of Dubek advertisements and opinions by senior doctors, will state that the company intentionally deceived the public, producing and marketing products with as much potential to kill as any bullet. Tobacco-leaf processing requires nicotine - an addictive substance to be removed and then returned to the tobacco. to which manufacturers add chemicals that increase the drug's absorption into the bloodstream.

The plaintiffs' lawyers will maintain that Dubek's ads - many of them depicting young, successful types with cigarettes between their fingers - were aimed at hooking a new genera- (S_{1}^{*}) tion of nicotine addicts to replace those who have died from smoking. Outstanding sports stars and entertainers were shown endorsing

their products. The advertisements drummed into customers' heads the falsebood that filters imports. "catch the cigarettes' waste products," and that "lite" cigarettes, with reduced tar but still with 4,000 other chemicals, were less lethal than "regular" ones. Dubek and other tobacco importers, circumscribed by laws restricting tobacco advertising, now sponsor "adventures" in boliday resorts, sporting events and musical happenings for young people, using their brand names when promoting the events. Dubek plasters the doors of cars with symbols of their cigarette brands,

media and smoking in public places are raised in the Knesset.

But the district court case is not the only one that could drive nervous Dubek officials to smoke (in fact, few tobacco executives here or abroad smoke, as they know what's in their product). Aware of the proposal in which US tobacco manufacturers would pay \$368 billion to bealth authorities and tobacco victims, Dubek fears that our own government will emulate this idea

So far, although the health budget is over NIS 1.3 billion in deficit and the Treasury bas pushed for severe cuts in vital public services, neither Health Minister Yeboshua Matza nor Finance Minister Yaakov Neeman have jumped onto the anti-smoking bandwagon of Deputy Health Minister Shlomo Benizri, who has the blessing of Shas mentor Rabbi Ovadia Yosef. Benizri asked the State Attorney's Office two months ago to look into the possibility of suing tobacco importers and manufacturers, but only now have government lawyers gotten around to tell him the ministry's legal adviser should have applied, rather than the deputy minister. The government should pursue this legal option immediately.

Israeli cigarettes, despite taxes, are still among the cheapest in the Western world. Studies of "sin taxes" bave shown that for every 10% increase in price, use of products that are taxed (such as cigarettes or alcobolic beverages) drops by 4%. Since treating tobacco-related diseases - which kill an average of 5,500 Israelis per year, or 10 times the road-accident toll - costs the economy NIS 1 billion annually, smokers should be required to pay more for their "sin." The Treasury's claim that higher taxes would lead to smuggling can be dismissed, as that basn't stopped it from putting high customs charges on a wide variety of

The Health Ministry and Treasury should also

Dissidents on both sides

MOSHE ZAK

Shindler? It strains belief to see his name on the list of

break-up of Jewisb solidarity 40 Jews requesting President Clinton to apply equal pressure on Netanyahu and Arafat. It strains with the elected government of Israel would barm both the belief and understanding, but it's a fact. The clever while who has worked over the years for the unity of the Jewish people – and for the solidarity of US Jews with the Israeli government - was one of the letter's signatories, a misty from Israel. Is consensus a sive intended to emphasize a rift in the US Jewisb community. The man who, when chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations supported Begin after the latter's' election despite their political dif-

Two US millionaires ferences, is now telling President are breaking the US Clinton that be disagrees with the Jewish consensus Shindler always knew that the solidarity of US Jews with the

any elected government - is an asset for Israel. Indeed, he used to The Law of Return makes them potential Israeli citizens, and as say that US Jews' support for Israel doesn't depend on who is prime minister in Jerusalem. And Shindler can point with pride to a series of political achievements in the hot summer of 1977 which ended with action against the Israeb govern-Sadat's visit to Jerusalem. Carter was stunned at the strength of the Jewish protest against his agreement with Andrei Gromyko on I October 1977 to convene an international conference. Four days later book cannot be considered as just

signed the Oslo Agreement with Arafat's aides. The millionaire, whose family bas made a fortune from selling illusions on celluloid, is promoting the illusion that Arafat has abandoned the path of terrorism. This is why he is urgently requesting Clinton to reduce the amount of American aid to Israel by the \$40 million Israel owes the Palestinian

Authority. Not satisfied with giving advice, he has also told the Clinton administration that a majority of US Jews oppose Netanyahu's policies, and so the administration can do whatever it likes to Netanyahu's government. The Jewisb-American backbone bas been broken.

Dr. Irving Moskowitz is ready to give to any Jewish charity, unlike Sheinbaum, who once spoke out in public against Jewisb funds that only give to Jewish causes. Moskowitz has a warm Jewish heart, and gives to Jewish and Israeli causes, especially in Jerusalem. But be is unintentionally making life more difficult for the Israeli government in the struggle for Jerusalem. Israel's jurisdiction over united Jerusalem doesn't depend on demonstrations for Jerusalem, nor on settling families in the house in Ras eldonations. Even if the families

a pillow. The first time I encountered Dr. Rosen, he was making recoveryroom rounds in a Jerusalem maternily hospital. A woman who had just awakened from an unpleasant gynecological proce-dure asked if she might have a pain killer. "What do you need drugs for?" he bellowed disdainfully at the post-operative patient, "Stop wailing! It's only your uterus contracting!" Witness to this exchange, I figured he simply must have forgotten what a contracting uterus felt like. Furthermore, warning patients about the hazards of unnecessary

drug ingestion was commendable. The next time I encountered him was in his private clinic, where I landed after receiving numerous glowing recommenda-

I felt a bit disconcerted by the news of my obstetrician's episode with the mother of a child

he had sired

Jewisb community in the US and the state of Israel. That's wby it's so strange that Shindler has suddenly changed his mind and joined the crew trying to alienate the US Jewish communi-

thing of the past? DIASPORA Jews have the right

to be involved in Israeli affairs.

on Israel

soon as they arrive in Israel they can take citizenship. But there is a difference between expressing an opinion and taking political ment, whether from the Left or the Right or from those who used to call themselves centrist. Calling on the US president to pressure Israel to let Arafat off the Amud bought by Moskowitz's

before the Israel's representatives

bloody Ben-Yehuda bominings two weeks ago, my tears were interrupted by another newswor-thy item: Dr. Eliahu Rosen, a Jerusalem gynecologist, had cunfessed to the murder of a woman suing him for child support to raise her 11-year-old daughter. whom she claimed was the fruit

is, Dr. Rosen shot the woman through a pillow. This he did so as not to disturb the slumber of the daughter he did not wish to

awoke to find her mother

Dr. Rosen is considerate. I ought to know. He used to be my doctor. Before he decided to spend the rest of his life in prison, that is. Of course, he may end up with less than a life senience, due to mitigating circumstances. Delivering babies all day is hard work, after all. And at least he took special care to muffle the murder through

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agree to include smoking-cessation courses in the basket of bealth services to encourage tobacco addicts to kick the habit, and to set a "dedicated tax" on cigarettes whose proceeds would go to a government publicity and education campaign against smoking. Such a program has significantly reduced smoking in one Australian state. Even before the court ruling, initiatives such as these could immediately belp clear the air.

particular paratrooper was spared.

what is now being perverted into a

shrine to the ruthless extortionate

policies of anti-Zionist clerics.

How dare Rosenblum characterize

groups like the Women at the Wall

"politicizing the Wall" when the

so-called "religious" parties are

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soldiers to achieve such a dubious

H. H. MENDELSOHN

Jerusalem.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

HAREDI DEMAGOGUERY

Sir, - Among the most insidious techniques of demagoguery is the exploitation of anecdotes as a substitute for cogently reasoned argument. What has Jonathan Rosenblum (The Jerusalem Post. August 15) proven by citing the example of the non-orthodox young woman who made a tasteless reference to a talit? Has he thereby exonerated the four yeshiva students who are accused of murder? Or the yeshiva students whose "learning" is eminently reflected in their expertise in spitting, hooting and hurling rocks and dung and garbage at fellow Jews in prayer? pomposity Rosenblum's

hungers for anecdotal self-praise. A Yale student invited to Rosenblum's home can become an Orthodox rabbi, another backpacker tapped by a rabbi is still at the yesbiva "18 years later." What does all this prove - except the usual condescending, paternalis-tic, hollow triumphalism of those and the Masorti Movement on so-called religionists whose "legitimacy" needs the endorse-Sbavuot and Tisha Be'av as ment of police to brutalize senior citizens, middle-aged men and sense) of every dimension of spirwoman and young boys and girls ituality and morality left in tradiwho want nothing else but to pray. The most cynical allusion of all, tional Judaism however, is Rosenblum's invoking

the vision of the young paratroop-er at the Western Wall during the

STATE OF BANALITY

Sir. - Israel TV reported and showed the dead bodies of two Hizbullah members this weekend, together with a report that they were killed in action. One of the uniformed persons was described as the son of the Hizbullah chief in Lebanon and that our soldiers took the bodies with them upon retreat from the scene of action to possi-

bly facilitate the return of the body of them. But those who ordered of our soldier killed in action the the soldiers to return with the previous weekend. Hizbullah bodies apparently Have we reached a state of risked the lives of many of our

banality? We seem to live in a buman jungle where normality, goal. including human values, is counterproductive!

The army unit carrying out the Jerusalem.

operation did what was expected

FROM OUR ARCHIVES

60 years ago: On September 17, 1937, The Palestine Post reported that the League of Nations Council had authorized Great Britain to proceed with a plan for the partition of Palestine and adopted British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden's plan to send a new Commission to the COUNTRY.

50 years ago: On September 17. 1947, The Palestine Post reported the opening of the Second Annual Session of the UN General Assembly at Flushing Meadows. Palestine was placed on the Assembly's 69points agenda. Yemen and

Pakistan, new UN members. were added to the Arab bloc. In Palestine Col. V.H. Rivers. murdered by Arab robbers near Hebron, was buried at the Ramle

military cemetery. Mystery explosions caused the sirens to sound three times during Rosh Hashana in Jerusalem.

Masked men. armed with sticks, forced their way into Tel Aviv cinemas' projection rooms and put on Irgun Zvai Leumi records and slides.

"Help the Fatherland - Do Not Buy Jewish Products!" ---The Central Arab Boycott Committee urged in notices to the Arab press.

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25 years ago: On September 17. 1972, The Jerusalem Post reported massive "largest ever" strikes on terrorist bases in Lebanon. The armored and infantry columns - under cover of artillery - penetrated 25 kms. into South Lebanon. Three Israeli soldiers were killed and six wounded in the action. Chief of Staff Lt-Gen. David Elazar said that the successful operation "will not end the war, but it provides a major contribution in our war against terrorists." The strictest possible orders were issued to avoid involving the civilian population. Alexander Zvielli

Carter retreated from his agreement with Gromyko, after be learned that Shindler and Moshe Dayan were about to set out on a coast-tocoast lecture tour to cultivate Jewisb opposition.

Israeli government.

elected government in Jerusalem -

In the ornithological terms customary in politics, Shindler is considered a "dove," but nevertheless be was friendly with Begin the "hawk" and even supported him. He can be proud that his support for Begin blocked the way to a forced American-Soviet agreement and paved the alternative

route to peace with Egypt. Alexander Shindler personified the US Jewisb consensus. He had firm political opinions, and did not always agree with the poli-cies of the Jerusalem govern-Six-Day War. Thank God, that So many others gave their lives for ment, but be understood that a

minister of finance's job is

never easy, especially in

Israel. In addition to cop-

ing with the problems of the

country's economy, sooner or

later be finds himself trying to implement official economic pol-

policy.

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expressing an opinion. It's interference, even if it's supported by local politicians.

The 40 Jewisb activists' letter has also opened the door to extreme measures from both sides, Left and Right: from Stanley Sheinbaum on one side and Irving Moskowitz on the other. The two are poles apart, both geographically (one in Los Angeles and the other in Miami) and ideologically.

Peace Now supporter Sheinbaum and Ateret Cohanim enthusiast Moskowitz are trying to dictate the Israeli government's agenda and priorities.

Stanley Sheinbaum rusbed to a meeting in Stockholm (with four other Jews) in order to sanitize Arafat in world opinion, five years

The right direction

ZALMAN SHOVAL

remain in the government and at the same time threaten its very existence.

YAAKOV Neeman remembers

commitment is to the economic targets he has set and to the economic policies outlined by the prime minister

was ultimately brought down by a lack of support from the prime minister and bis own Likud party.

Neeman's lack of formal political affiliation may actually be an asset. Trying to tackle many of Israel's longstanding economic problems, be doesn't feel sbackled by political obligations, nor does he have political ambitions. His only commitment is to the economic targets be bas set for himself and to the economic policies outlined by the prime minister.

There are those who think that government and its policies. Voting against it means that cer-Neeman is bound to fail because tain ministers believe that they can onee. Let's hope they are wrong. and ambassador to Washington.

hadn't been settled in the house, the Mount of Olives is and remains in Israeli hands.

But relocating the families calls for redeployment of security forces in Jerusalem, and the redeployment is the responsibility of the Israeli government, not of a donor in Miami.

Israel's interests require a return to consensus in the great US Jewisb community, a return to the formula of a united front of support for the policies that have been decided by a majority of the Knesset in Israel. Assisting external forces to change these policies calls into question the democratic foundations of the state.

The writer is a Jerusalem Post columnist

Be that as it may, be deserves

the support of all those who

understand that without disman-

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with Israel's economy for so

There was, for instance, a big

step on the road toward further-

ing his goal. Regardless, it takes

a lot of cbutzpah to accuse

Neeman, an observant Jew, of

wanting to hurt religion or reli-

gious services. He did try to do

away with some of the vested

interests controlling the bureau-

cratic and costly institutions pro-

viding - not always very effi-

ministers bave used the previous

year's budget as a basis for

preparing the next year's bud-

get. Small wonder, then, that it

bas been an eternity since any-

body took a bard look at many

of the actual functions for which

the government is allocating the

taxpayers' money. Israel's pre-

sent government is clearly

determined to change these

practices in order to get our

economy on an even keel.

Neeman is moving in the right

direction; let's hope the politi-

cians won't trip him up.

Most of Israel's past finance

ciently - religious services.

tions. Pregnant with twins, I was intent on being monitored by someone reliable and considerate. He turned out to be both.

The considerate MD then gave me a whirlwind run-through of the possible pitfalls of pregnancy with twins. I listened nervously, while staring at the thick gold links of the chain catching the bairs of his chest, which was exposed all the way to his naval. Then I paid him an exorbitant

fee, and exited his clinic, feeling that I was in the bands of a great diagnostician, not merely of a considerate man.

Upon arriving home from that and subsequent visits to the doctor's office. I discussed his virtues with other women. Consensus deemed him a top-notch physician, with a heart even larger and more golden than his necklace. It also viewed him as a man whose entire goal in life was to bring healthy babies into the world, and to take excellent care of their mothers for whom he had the greatest admiration and respect - in the process. Rumors of violent run-ins with exwives and neighbors were poohpoohed as hogwash, perpetrated by scorned women or doctors harboring professional jealousy.

So it was that I felt a bit disconcerted by the news of my obstetrician's episode with the mother of a child he himself had sired. If it weren't for his use of the muffler pillow, I might have forgotten completely about bis positive attributes, consideration being one of them.

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WHEN the wind which had been knocked out of me returned, the suicide bombings were back on the screen. Commentators were quoting Yasser Arafat claiming there was little he could do about terrorists trained outside of Palestinian Authority jurisdiction. Otherwise he would be doing bis utmost to curb such carnage. He wants peace just as much as the next guy, after all.

Like Dr. Rosen, Arafat comes highly recommended. He, too, is extremely considerate. He, too, extracts exorbitant fees in exchange for services rendered. In addition, many of the people who deal with him view his gruff exterior as veiling good inten-tions, all of which involve the sanctity of life.

The difference is that he doesn't smoke or leave his shirt open to the waist. And, when committing murder, he neither muffles the blast nor confesses.

The human capacity for selfdelusion is mind-boggling.

The writer is a Jerusalem Post columnist.

long we won't be able to gain our rightful place in the world's icy while individual ministers try to extract all sorts of budgetary bis tenure as director-general of economy. allocations which are in direct the Ministry of Finance under contravention of this very same the late Yigal Hurwitz, and be bullabaloo about Neeman's prowants to change the way things posals for reforming the country's religious institutions. Although be bad to compromise "So what else is new?" one is are done. Hurwitz tried to tempted to ask. What indeed! For reform Israel's economy but he on the matter, one must bope whether we admit it or not, in spite of all the outward trappings that be did so only as an interim

of democracy, in many respects Neeman's only Israel is still often characterized by a system of political or sectoral fieldoms. In the past the large political parties were the main culprits, but in recent years the smaller parties are doing.just as well, if It is now perfectly clear that

the direct election of the prime minister bas not weakened the bargaining power of the smaller coalition parmers; the opposite is true. In recent years, the Israeli body-politic has become virtually a kaleidoscope of political

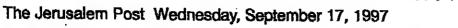
interests, with some politicians believing that their main - perhaps only - commitment is to one "splinter" in this kaleido-How else can one explain the astounding phenomenon of certain ministers declaring, after the government's approval of the budget, that they will vote against it in the Knesser? A parliamentary vote on the budget is always considered a vote of confidence in the

be is trying to do too much all at The writer is a former Likud MK

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FAMILY MATTERS

DISK-COVERY



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By JUDY STEGEL-ITZKOVICH

Barbie Mesaperet Sipurim, a Hebrew translation of a CD-ROM by Mattel Media, distributed by Machshevet (http://www.scops.com on the Internet), for ages six and up, NIS 149. Rating: five stars out of five

Barbie Me'atzevet Ofna, a Hebrew translation of a CD-ROM by Mattel Media, distributed by Machshevet, for ages six and up, NIS 189, or NIS 229 with a Barbie

doll. Rating: five stars out of five

Then it comes to playing and working on a com-puter, boys outnumber girls by a wide margin. There is a rainbow of shades.

One may choose from a selection of 15 items to add to the set, from birds and butterflies to hearts and fishbowls. Five of the 15, such as flying musical notes, move in animation. Barbie, her boyfriend Ken, and a number of other characters in a variety of outfits and positions (including some that sit down in a chair) can be selected as the stars of each frame,

There is also the option of writing Hebrew text (surrounded by fancy borders) in any of several fonts to use as printed dialogue. One may also add any of nine types of background music, from classical to jazz.

For special effects, the user can mark out the nath on the set that each actor will take, and desigtional software, but CD-ROM reduce the size as it moves farther away. If she has a microphone, the user can add her own recorded dialogue anywhere in the scene. After a visit to the editing pavilion, the user puts the scenes in the correct order and finally watches the whole "film" as she created it feeling a great seose of accomplishment for a unique product. The Barbie designer disk is no less satisfying. One starts with Barbie in her underwear. (This may offend some very Orthodox parents, but one can dress her so modestly that she wouldn't look out of place in Mea She'arim.) From a palette of choices, the user selects clothing components suited for a vacation, a wedding, work, a date, or a party. Click another icon to choose among handbags, belts, hats, scarves, hats and footwear (from highheels to rollerblades). Once Barbie has been dressed, the user selects patterns for the clothing and suitable colors. Once one has decided on her outfit, one clicks an icon to see bow Barbie looks in a threedimensional view; then another is clicked - waiting a minute or so until the computer has set it np to see Barbie sashaying down the runway in the outfit your little one designed. Since the variations are endless, it never gets boring. The box containing the software is packed with special paper and cloth that can be printed on an ink-jet printer (not a "primiove" dot matrix). The user can select an outfit, print it in color, cut it out, and dress her own Barbie doll! Tulle for a wedding veil, plastic shoes and boots, glitter and other paraphernalia are enclosed, along with tiny pieces of Velcro to

NetSnitch: Orwell's Big Brother, or healthy parental concern?

o a teenager, watchful parents can seem an awful lot like Big Brother.

Now the analogy is just a little more apt, at least on the Internet, because of new software that lets parents trail their children through cyberspace.

The software, called NetSnitch, is being pitched as a tool for parents who don't want to censor their kids. Unlike other "net minders," which block children from visiting sites deemed too racy or violent, NetSnitch just records where they've been and how long they've been there.

"Sounds to me like Orwellian parenting," said Marc Rotenberg, director of the Electronic Privacy Information Center. "You might as well drop a video camera in your kid's bedroom."

That's not what parents Stanley Wallerstein and Jacinta Cullen had

in mind two years ago, when they came up with the idea of NetSnitch after bringing home a computer for their two sons, then 11 and seven. Although they wanted some control over their children's on-line wanderings, they didn't like any of the commercial products then available for parents.

Those programs - Cyber Patrol and NetNanny among them - have beeo criticized as heavy-handed and unreliable. They need constant undating, and can block inoffensive sites by mistake.

And the software developer, not the parent, decides which sites are objectionable. "We were concerned, like most

parents, about what was on the Internet," Wallerstein said. "But we weren't comfortable with the idea of someone else censoring what our family could see.

So Wallerstein and Cullen got a

friend to adapt technology used to monitor employees in the workplace, then set up shop at a Web site and a small office. With NetSnitch, parents call np a screen display that shows each Web site visited by a previous user during an Internet session, and how much once was spent at each site. A click of the mouse takes the parent direcdy to any of the sites. If NetSnitch is disabled, it leaves notice that it was bypassed.

PROGRAMS like NetSnitch have more to do with parenting philosophies than with software development, said Don DePalma, a senior analyst with Forrester Research Inc. in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

From a technology perspective, it's not rocket science. From a parenting perspective, it all comes down to trust - trust vs. prevention," he said. "This is a really

tough call. Do you want to tell your Technology. Unlike the Electronic Privacy

kid you don't trust them?" NetSnitch manager Bob Reardon says he wants parents to tell their children the program is in place, and not to try to catch them unawares. "It's not like we're trying to sneak

up on these kids. It's to remind them that they shouldn't be there, and that there might be consequences," he said. Indeed, NetSnitch could appeal to

parents who are concerned about their children spending too much time at the computer, but believe that some exploration of taboo material is inevitable, or even healthy.

"Part of the reason the market has produced so many different options is that no two parents are going to have exactly the same point of Seiger, company decide what is suitable for view," said Jonah spokesman for the Washington-based Center for Democracy and the child," Reardon said. "It gives them control."

Information Center, Seiger's group believes that the more kinds of filtering software available, the better. Several groups recently joined President Bill Clinton in urging the industry to take steps to guarantee a "family friendly" Internet. The White House acted less than a month after the Supreme Court struck down the Communications Decency Act of 1996, which was designed to protect children from indecent material on the Internet. The significance was not lost on the developers of NetSnitch, who pushed up their release date to cap-

italize on publicity surrounding the decision. "This puts the parents back in the equation, rather than having some

(AP)

feed me! Beep... amuse me! Beep

By MAGGE JACKSON

cross the US, parents are learning just how difficult it can be to care for the hottest toy of the moment: virtual pets. Just as moms and dads end up cleaning up after the cat or walking the dog, so parents are being pressed into service - often reluctantly, sometimes with embarrassment - as caretakers of the

egg-sized com-Some parents puter pets. Like many parare finding it Sandy ents. Beckwith didn't a real pain to realize how much work was cyber-sit their required when her 7-year-old kids' virtual pets. daughter asked her to baby-sit

her virtual pet. When Beckwith's the toy can be reset to produce daughter came home, "the first thing she did was run to her pet and say, 'Mom, you killed it!" says the freelance writer from Fairport, New York

With schools banning them across the country, the pets, which beep at all hours to be fed, cleaned and amused; are being mistaken for pagers in executive pockets. They're keeping bleary-cyed parents up at o no

Tamagotchi, the original computer pet, took US markets by storm in May after proving a hit in Japan. Some 4.5 million Tamagotchi - a name derived from the Japanese words for egg and watch - have sold for around \$15 each. A halfdozen competing typer-dinosaurs, dogs, cats and other creatures are also selling well. Finding one to bny is often the

easy part. Once activated, the toys beep from every few seconds to every few hours. If the owner doesn't press battons to meet the pet's demands, the pet dies - a traumatic turn for a young master, even though another creature.

"Kids were going to the bathroom [worrying about who was going] to feed their pets, or having to think

about who was going to watch them," says David Engelson, princi-The Cape Cod Potato Chip company of Hyannis, Massachusetts, is pal of an elementary school in offering another solution: an Vernon, Connecticut, and one of the employee-staffed "Electronic Pet first educators to ban cyberpets Daycare Center," where children when he clamped down in June. "It was putting a lot of stress on the .baby-sitting during the school year.

function.

weeks at work. Her boss, upon seeing the toy, was so smitten that he asked for a demonstration. But many other parents draw the line at cyber-sitting. Beckwith, who killed her daugh-

hard to imagine arranging my schedule around this beeping electronic toy," she says.

Eleven-year-old Nick Bradley says his friends get their mothers to can send their cyberpets for free ter's toy, says that she might take school day. But his mom doesn't care of it again, occasionally. "It's .

baby-sit for their toys during the "She has a life," he says. (AP)



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games, with their "killing" the "enemy" and other action, are geared mainly for boys. Finally, here are two excellent. imaginative programs perfect for girls. (Don't be surprised if their brothers slip the disks into the CD-ROM drive on the sly and enjoy

them too.) Regarding the blonde, blue-eyed bombshell as soulless, I never had a Barbie doll. I haven't bought one for my daughter, as I disapprove of a product aimed at coercing parents into buying an endless wardrobe of expensive Barbie clothes and accessories for

"addicted" kids. But these disks add a new dimension to playing dress-up with dolls.

Barbie Mesaperet Sipurim turns the user into a film director. Choosing scenery, characters, sounds, animation and dialogue, one can weave these elements into thousands of variations. Me'arzevet Ofna turns the user

into a fashion designer, putting together outfits from a variety of components, colors and patterns. Barbie comes to life as a model on the runway wearing the user's own creadon.

Containing an excellent help menu in spoken Hebrew to explain every step of the way, each program is perfectly designed for children, even those a bit younger than six. All the icons on the screen are also identified in Hebrew, and the accompanying instruction booklets are very detailed.

In the first disk, one enters the Barbie Studio, a lovely pastel home screen with several options. Going into the pavilion for the construction of sets, the user may click on a variety of backgrounds in and around Barbie's mansion from her kitchen and bedroom to her stables, complete with horses. A separate coloriog pavilion allows one to change the colors o each set, secoon by section, using

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attach the clothes to the doll. Even if yon don't have an inkjet printer, the disk will bedazzle kids and spark their imagination. Congratulations to Mattel Media and Machshevet for two wonderful pieces of software.

not usually associated with children's toys

"I thought it was a neat way to teach responsibility, but it ended up being a parental thing," says Cheryl Kaiser, a spokeswoman for WFD work-family consultants in Boston and mother to a 7-year-old and an infant.

One night at 2 a.m., as her busband slept with the toy next to his pillow, it began to beep. "I'm 50 years old! I can't be doing this!" he said. She yelled, "You can't let it die!"



By RUTH MASON

o last week's column, psychologist Wendy Mogel explained how Lsome parents, who felt they were not "heard" as children, become particularly sensitive and responsive to their children's feelings. But instead of contributing to their children's emotional health, Mogel says, this practice often helps create demanding, insecure, greedy kids. Several readers wanted to hear more about her thoughts on this phenomenon.

Says Mogel: When we work so hard at listening to our children's feelings, they perceive us as "emo-tional uning forks." We vibrate along with their feelings by making a big deal out of those feelings. The paradox is that this makes the children feel worse, not better. Our strong reaction communicates anxiety rather than reassurance and understanding.

What children need instead is for us to name and contain feelings exactly what our parents didn't do because, for their own good reasons, they were nearly phobic about feel-

They were afraid that if they acknowledged that we were sad, afraid, frustrated, and - especially -

California, Rhode Island, Virginia three pets have arrived, two from employees' children. "Bnt we're and Washington state have imposed bans this fall. Many camps did so prepared for more," says Nicole this summer.

To smooth the problem, Tamagotchi's maker, Bandai Some parents don't mind the sit-America Inc., recently began drawing attention to a pause option on its toy, which has been available since June 15 but which most children and parents - haven't known about. And at least one other competitor, Tiger Electronics, the maker of Giga

ting. "I'm a Mom. I've grown used to the role of guardian," sighs author Leslie Levine of Rochester, New York, who admits that the pet sometimes dies while she's on duty. Nurse Victoria Manis found out that most colleagues assumed her

Bernard, director of marketing.

pager was going off when her daughter's toy whined in recent Pets, is considering adding a pause

Don't be oversensitive

angry, it would be unbearable for them and for us because (1) no one ever accepted and soothed their feelthy people.

Feelings are like waves in the sea. They ebb and flow naturally. If they get pumped up by parents who, in their lovingkindness, make a big deal about them (children are brilliant about which parental buttons work best) the children get frightened, and their feelings don't subside in a natural way.

Our experience of having feelings ignored, mocked or responded to with panic taught us to stuff them. We paid in inhibition, obsessive doubt and suppressed anger expressed passively. Our children pay for our response by using emotions as a weapon, and by a genuine feeling of being unable to tolerate any discomfort.

The solution requires some delicacy, but is actually less work and easier than the long scenes many par-

ents go through. 1. Tell the child what your see. "You're mad ... sad ... bored ... disappointed ... scared."

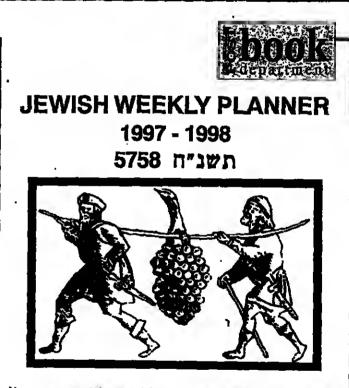
2. Empathize. Say: "That's

show you understand by sharing a story from your childhood. remember feeling that way when I was about your age, or ... when my best friend did something like that to me, or... at one of my birthday parties... and so on." But don't do this every time, or you will teach your child that being upset is the best way to attract your attention and get you to tell tales of your youth, which most children love to hear.

3. Don't ask lots of leading ques-tions! But, of course, be available if your child wants to talk.

4. Don't be afraid to reassure your child in an old-fashioned way. "I know you feel miserable now, but it will get better... it will be okay." 5. Most important of all, don't let

bad feelings become the surefire trigger for lots of loving attention from Mom and Dad. Without denying emotional pain, you can focus on strength, and match your child's good cheer, strength, optimism and good deeds with your own.



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ings, so the feelings themselves seemed unfamiliar and frightening, like strangers or foreigners, and (2) rough." they needed validation from us for their worth because parenting was

their primary identity; so if we were angry at them or generally miserable, that meant they were not wor-

AT HOME

The Jerusalem Post Wednesday, September 17, 1997

GARDENER'S CORNER

The sweetest pea of them all

By BATSHEVA MINK & DAVID BRAUNER

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ave you noticed how our newer garden flowers seem to have lost their delicious aromas? Even a deep sniff produces little or no perfume.

What's happened? Our modern varieties are being bred to perfection, but sadly the feature that made many of them famous scent - is missing. But there is still one plant that

combines a treasure of height, beauty, color and the luscious fragrance that earned it its name: the sweet pea.

The sweet pea belongs to the pea genus Lathyrus, which includes over 100 species of annuals. The originator of modern botany, Linnaeus (1707-78), dubbed this plant Lathyrus odoratus for its sugary bouquet. The Hebrew name afuna rehanit is an exact translation of the Latin.

The wild sweet pea was first identified in 1697 in Sicily by the monk Father Cupani. In 1700, he sent seeds to a London schoolmaster, Dr. Uvedale, who was one of the few people at the time to possess a heated greenhouse.

The seeds grew into a weedy looking plant, but one distinguished by an exceptionally sweet . lar than ever. As a commercial cut smell. A century later, its varieties had only increased to six, all with flowers as inconspicuous as the original. In other words, the sweet garden plant.

Spencer of Althorp (the greatgrandmother of Diana, Princess of Wales), produced the first sweet pea with frilled petals. The variety was duly named after the countess, and almost overnight became a sensation. Since then, interest in this special flower has never waned, and today it is more popuflower, many new and lovely shades bave been introduced.

Like all pea flowers, sweet peas have a large upright, rounded petal (the banner), two narrow side petals (the wings) and two lower petals, which are sometimes united (the keel). The colors range from pale lavender to a rich purple, from white to cream, and from pink to deep hues of red. Many varieties are two-toned.

Sweet peas are annuals, plants which complete their growing cycle in one year. To support their height, they climb and twine by means of tendrils, which are thin, curly, modified leaves.

The sweet pea is suitable for large and small gardens, and grows happily in pots and baxes. Be careful not to overcrowd them in confined spaces, otherwise their flowering performance will be disappointing. Ten seeds in a large pot, evenly spaced, is more than

Propagation and Planting: While many gardeners buy young plants from nurseries, sweet peas are inexpensive and easy to grow from seeds. They grow at their best when sown in late summer or early fall. Winter sowings may need protection from slugs and birds.

Sweet peas are very deep-rooting plants and look best growing in rows. So you have to loosen up the soil with a shovel or fork to about 30 cm. deep to introduce fresh air. Sprinkle plenty of compost (Hebrew, kompost, or zevel) on the row and rake level.

Sow the seeds thinly (not too close together) about 2 cm. deep, and cover them with a fine layer of soil. Water after sowing, and then regularly until germination. Pinch out the growing tips when the plant is 10-12 cm. high to induce bushiness.

If you have no time to prepare the ground, seeds may be sown in pots for transplanting at a later date. Two seeds to a small pot the

spring show of flowers. And, sunny site, but will also tolerate importantly, the more flowers you partial shade as long as they have pick, the more flowers you get, at least four hours of sunlight a and for a looger period of time. day. Too much shade tends to crip-Faded flowers should be ple them with mildew at the onset

picked weeds.

Feeding: Sweet peas require a great deal of nourishment, so

grass cuttings, compost or even

don't forget a weekly liquid feed.

enough.

had been raised by Eckford. In the same year, the Countess

pea was at best an unimpressive However, in 1870 Gloucestershire gardener by the name of Henry Eckford recognized a good, commercial thing when he smelled it. He started cross-fertilizing sweet peas for their blossoms. By 1900, of the 264 varieties shown at the sweet-pea exhibition at London's Crystal Palace, half



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The sweet pea isn't picky: It will grow anywhere

Be careful when transplanting not to injure the roots. Like all pea family members, sweet peas hate their roots to be disturbed. You can cut away the bottom of your container, and plant the open-bottomed pol in the ground to avoid a setback in growth.

Remember, the earlier you get the plants growing, the better and stronger they will be for their

removed before seed pods can develop. If you want to save seeds for the next year, let the last of the flowers remain on the plant and pick the pods when they have turned yellowish-brown in color. Remove the seeds from the pods. and when they are dried out, put

A delight to the eye - and a sniff of heaven

them in an envelope and store in a dry, airy place. They may also be wrapped in aluminum foil and kept refrigerated for up two years. Light: Sweet peas like an open,

of spring. Support: Provide these climbers with some sort of support, such as sticks, tree branches, a trellis, or a

hedge. Well-grown plants can reach up to four meters high. Watering: Make sure the soil does not dry out completely, because lack of moisture affects the size and quality of the flowers.

To retain ground moisture, the plants may be mulched in spring and early summer. Mulch can be

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the week attacking seedlings or freshly planted specimens, sptinkle finely broken-up eggshelis around the plants. Top up every 3-4 . weeks since the shell bits often get washed into the soil



By D'VORA BEN SHAUL

six-and-a-half-year-old cocker spaniel bitch in Herzliya is causing her human companions no end of grief. Although the dog is kept clean and well groomed, the owner writes that "the smell of her breath is enough to floor you. It is foul and she drools all the time. This makes her very unpleasant to be with. Of course she suffers from the fact that we don't pet her as much as we used to until it all began, about a year ago."

Foul breath and excessive drooling often go hand in hand. But there may be totally separate symptoms with separate causes. However, in both cases there are things that must be done.

The first step is to take the dog to a veterinarian and have her mouth thoroughly examined for decaying teeth, gum infection, and pockets between the cheek and gum where bacteria accumulate. Halitosis in dogs often stems from bacterial accumulations in the mouth on teeth and tongue - just as in humans.

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If the veterinarian finds a problem, get it corrected. He may need to give the dog a mild anesthetic and clean and scale her teeth to get rid of excess plaque. Many dogs that don't chew enough to keep teeth clean develop this condition. The vet will also be able to treat any periodontal infection.

It is not unusual for "pockets" to form between the cheeks and the gums. This is where bacteria thrive. Many breeds of dog we call "soft mouthed," such as cockers,

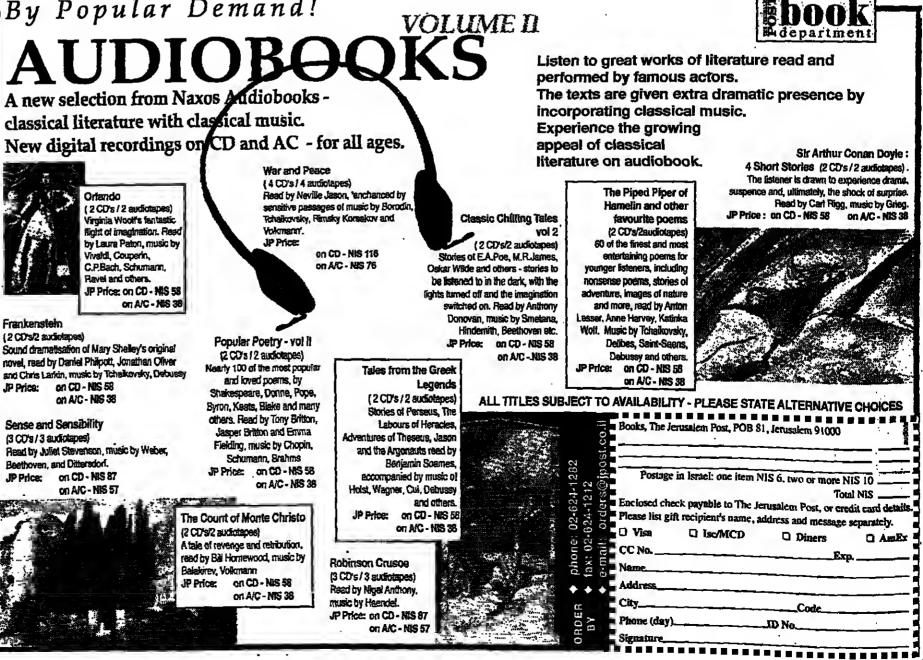
bassets and Labradors, develop these mucous-membrane pockets as they age and facial wrinkles grow deeper.

These pockets, as well as the gums, can be treated with an antiseptic mouthwash. 1 recommend Gingesan, a herbal preparation available at pharmacies. Dogs seem to endure the taste better than they do the purely chemical mouthwashes.

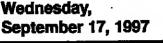
Having ruled out or corrected problems in the mouth, note that both bad breath and drooling can be caused by digestive complaints. One should not feed starcbes such as potatoes, fresh bread or cooked rice to a dog unless she can tolerate them. Some dogs react badly, belching a great deal and expelling intestinal gases - all of which make for a less-than-pleas-ant companion. Similarly, some dogs do not digest kibbled dog food well because of the soya products in it.

The only way to deal with flatulence and digestive disturbances is ly eliminating certain foods from the dog's diet, such as milk products or kibble, and watch the results. Try feeding single foods for a few days and note any changes. And be sure your dog has access to plenty of fresh water. Too many people think a dish of milk is as good as or even better than a drink of water. It isn't.

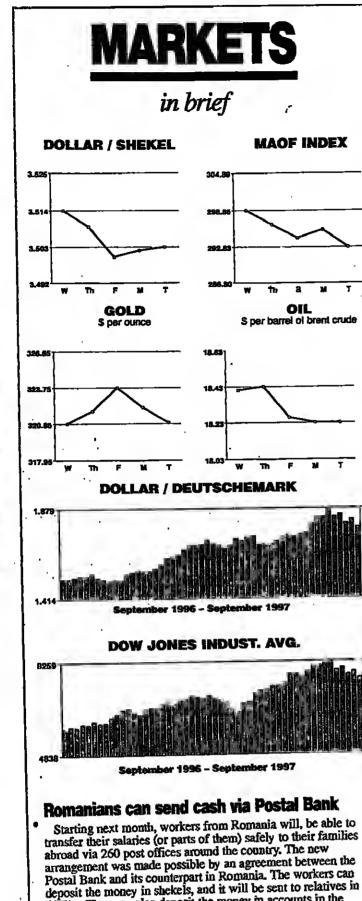
This may seem like a lot of trouble, but there are some conditions that cannot be remedied by a pill or a shot. They require intelligent application and some detective work. In the end, when your dog is clean and sweet-smelling, you will both be happier.







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Caltex Petrol. to invest \$50m. here Texaco-Chevron subsidiary is first foreign oil company to invest in Israel

By DAVID HARRIS

Texas-based Caltex Petroleum Corporation is to invest \$50 million in the local gas distribution market, making it the first foreign oil company to iovest here, senior gnvernment sources said yesterday.

Confirmation of the size of the investmeot was provided hy Fioance Minister Yaakov Neeman, whn refused to name the company involved, hnt said be had met its representatives along with Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahn three days ago.

A source close to Netanyahu said that the meeting was with Caltez.

"One of the leading oil cnmpa-oies in the world, I will not say more in order oot to disclose [its ideotity], approached the prime minister and myself and advised that it was going to make an initial investment of \$50m. in lsrael," said Neeman. "It's a small investment, but it's a cnmpany that never invested in Israel because of the Arab boycott.'

Caltex representatives were also scheduled to hold meetings with private companies with a view to joint ventures in third companies, according in an industry source.

"I have been unable to reach those involved, as they are currently traveling, but I can con-

firm that Caltex penple were in Israel recently," said the company's corporate communications director, Paul Murphy.

peace with Egypt, urged cautioo. He also pointed to Amoco, which was involved in talks to supply the couotry with oatural In terms of international oil contracts, the agreement, with an as yet unknown major local distributor, is comparatively small, but it is extremely significant, according to iodostry sources.

As a result of the success of the Arab boycott, no nil company has ever gone beyond the oegotiation stage with regard to entering the local economy.

undergoing a process of liberal-"During the peace process, most of the major oil corporations came 10 Israel, hut did nut invest here," former Energy Ministry director-general Yossi

opening of at least 100 new gas stations throughnul the country. Vardi said yesterday. "Perhaps they moved in too quickly." Vardi, who was behind the oil

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Caltex refines and markets petroleum io Africa, Asia, and the Pacific Rim.

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The company also holds an ioterest in 13 refineries in 11 countries, twn lubricant refineries, 17 lubricant blendiog plants, six grease planis, six asphali plants, and 526 ocean terminals

and depots. Through its subsidiaries. Caltex markets petroleum products through a network nf more than 18,000 retail outlets in 30 countries. Caltex is a jniot venture between Chevron and Texaco.

In 1996, Caltex generated \$16 billion in sales.

Intel Israel introduces new chip

By JENNIFER FRIEDLIN

Intel announced yesterday that its Haifa lahoratory has developed the compaoy's mohile pentium processor, a chip that allows laptops to work 40 perceot faster. "Intel (Israel) is a oerve center

of the company," said Dadi Permotter, director of the research and development center.

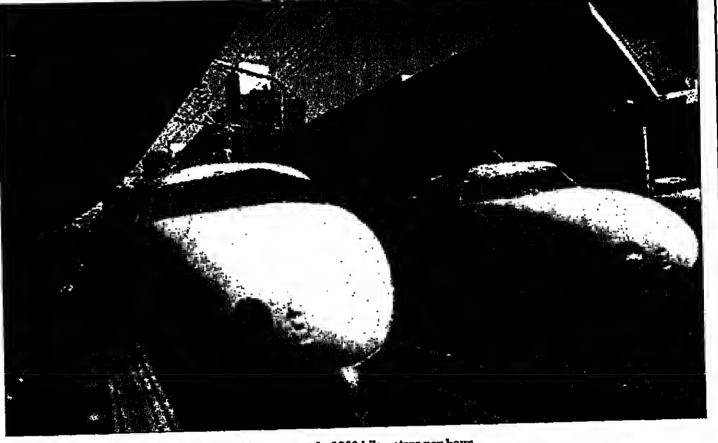
"We have created products that are main reveoue geoerators, and we are continuing to develop cntting-edge products," Permutter said.

Several months ago, Intel (Israel) released the revolutionary MMX computer chip, which is now used in the majority of PCs currently being produced.

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The mobile peotium chip allows computer manofacturers to build laptops that can compete with desktop units in terms of speed.

"Because this chip demands a lower current, computer manufacturers can supply a computer that increases the actual amount of available work time, and that's the most important thing for laptop users," said Mult



The Japanese bullet trains can reach a maximum speed of 300 kilometers per hour.

Japan's bullet train coming to Israel? Shinkansen line between Tokyo the bullet train to Israel."

By DAVID HARRIS

trip to a mere 75 minutes.

are also considering Nissbo Iwai, Japan's sixth and Osaka. With its sleek appearance an Eden, who beaded the record-breaking speeds, the meot team. shinkansen ('new trunk line' in The mobile pentium processor Japanese) soon became known also allows computer makers to build machines that weigh just as the 'bullet train'. The original 0 series trains are still in opera-1.2 kilograms. tion today. The initial line to Osaka now extends to Hakata in the west, and more routes have been opened in the north and tops. northeastern parts of Japan.

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This is the third Israeli-devel-

oped, original drug to receive FDA

approval. Teva's MS treatment,

Copaxone, and a growth hormone

developed by Biotechnology General previously gained entry to

Pharmos is currently developing

three other ethical drugs for head

injuries and strokes, post-cataract surgery conditions and ophthalmic

allergies. Aviv said that the FDA's

approval for Lotemax should help Pharmos get approval for the other

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Two Japanese corporations are studying the feasihility of introducing the shinkansen or bullet train to Israel, Finance Minister Yaakov Neeman said yesterday. The shinkansen, whose maximum speed tops 300 kilometers per bour, would potentially

reduce journey time between Tel

Aviv and Jerusalem to under 30

minutes and the Tel Aviv-Eilat

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the prospect of linking the trains to regional capitals.

Japanese companies are interested in investing in infrastructure in Israel, mainly in high-ways and railroads," said Neeman, who was in Japan last month. "I've been approached by two major Japanese companies who are studying bow and whether they should introduce

largest corporation and the 13th biggest worldwide, is working on feasibility studies for a railroad that would run from the Israeli side of the Dead Sea to the Red Sea via Jordan, said Koichi Naito, general manager of the company's Tel Aviv office. Japan first set the pace for high-speed railways with the 1964 opening of the Tokaido

FDA okays Pharmos steroid

Firm expects \$70 million in sales over three years

expects Lotemax to generate \$70m.

in sales over a three year period,

beginning at the end of 1997. "This means a lot for us," said

CEO Haim - Aviv, adding that Pharmos invested \$20-\$25m. to

The company. rose slightly to close at \$2.46 after the announce-

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yet to sell its first product, says it does not cause side effects, such as

The oew chip is expected to cause a boom in the oumber of businesses that want to use lap-

Previously husinesses cbose more cumbersome desktop computers because they teoded to be faster than the handier, mobile units.

"As laptops become faster, we can expect more husiness to adopt them," said an analyst from Zanoex Securities. "Eventually every computer will be a laptop."

Analysts said that the mobile pentium processor represents the next step toward booking laptop computers to the Internet via cellular, or wireless, connections.

In the last few years, the Haifa plant, one of Intel's two ioternational research and development ceoters, bas beeo instrumcotal in developing the companies most advanced chips.

"Intel has gotten a buge return from a very small investment," the Zannex Securities analyst said.

The MMX chip cost \$100 million to develop, while PC's comprise a \$70 billioo coosumer market.

The company, which has filed a New Drug Application for the anti-The mobile pentiom processor allergy treatment, expects to receive FDA approval in early 1998. cost substantially less to develop, since it was based on the Bausch & Lomb has rights to the already-developed MMX technnlngy.

The company did oot release exact figures for the cost of developing the laptop chip. Earlier in the year, Pharmos and Chiron Corporation announced an agreement to jointly market a technology designed to make protein-

Approximately 11 million-12 million laptops will he sold this vear.

By JENNIFER FRIEDLIN Pharmos and Bausch & Lomb recently announced that the US Food and Drug Administration sent an approvable letter for Lotemax, a topical ophthalmic steroid developed at Pharmos's research and development center in Rehovot. Five-year-old Pharmos, a hiotechnology company headquar-

ment was made yesterday. tered in Alachua, Florida that has that the companies have met most of the FDA's requirements. They

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Bezeq awards \$100 million contract

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By Jerusalem Post Staff

Bezeq yesterday annonneed the awarding of a \$100 million contract for billing and customer service systems to a US-Israeli consortium.

The contract was awarded to Management American Systems, Inc. and Amdocs Inc. of the US and Formula Software Systems of Herzliya.

The companies will develop systems designed to help Bezeo provide more efficient and user friendly services. The project will take two

Solutioos Ltd., also a subsidiary vears.

FSS, which will receive contract for an undisclosed sum largest one it has ever received, will mushroom into internatiooal projects.

"We are bopeful that this project, coupled with FSS's past experieoce in developing software systems for the telecommunications indostry within Israel, will lead to opportunities for the company to provide these services to businesses outside of Israel," said Meir Moshe, CFO of Idan, FSS's parent company. Meanwhile, Crystal Systems

of Idan, recently announced a

\$30m., hopes the deal, the to supply Ford Motor Co. with conversion software for European currencies. The software allows compa-

nies to coovert their records into the euro, the single European currency.

According to the contract, Ford will install Crystal's C-Mill eurocurrency conversion software at all its mainframe sites throughout Europe

Crystal is best known for developing a solution to the Millennium 2000 problem, or the inability of many computers to recognize the year 2000.

United States and Europe, and Pharmos will manufacture the active ingredient. Pharmos will receive between 25-30 percent of revenues. Pharmos and Bausch &

Lomb are now trying to obtain clearance to market Lotemax in Europe and Israel. Pharmos said Lotemax, the only

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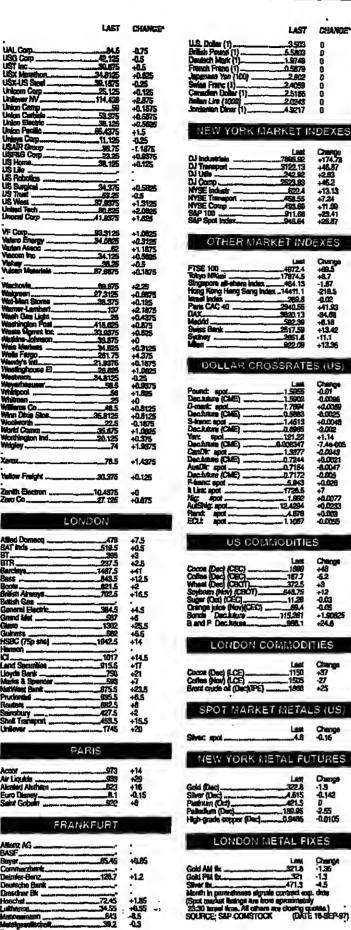
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TASE declines on political tension Wall Street STOCKS Asia **Tel Aviv** Europe The Dow Jones industrial aver-Japanese stocks traded mixed as UK stocks climbed, led by Shell Stocks were down yesterday. Change +174.7 +48.87 +2.83 +46.2 +13.13 +7.24 +11.09 +23.41 +25.87 age jumped nearly 175 points yeselectronics makers such as Sony The Maof Index lost 0.96% to Transport & Trading, after a report terday amid news that inflation has fell on concern corporate earnings 292.83; the Mishtanim Index lost showing benign consumer price growth will slow. Carmakers remained mild despite persistent 0.89 percent to 284.92; and the Tel inflation in the US cased concern gained on expectations rising pricing pressures. that official interest rates will be Aviv Continuous Trading Index exports will boost earnings. On Wall Street, the Dow rose Maof 292.83 V 0.9% dropped 1.24% to 98.06. "It looks like we're in the midst raised anytime soon. The benchmark Nikkei 225 174.78 points to close at 7,895.92, The FT-SE 100 Index of Dow Jones 7896 A 2.26% stock average rose 8.7 points, or scoring its fourth biggest point-Britain's largest stocks rose 73.5 of a national depression bere," 0.05% to 17,974.50. The broader points, or 1.5%, to 4976.4, the gain ever. said ha Slomowitz, a trader at Topix index of all shares on the FPSE 4976.4 1 15% Broader stock indicators also index's second consecutive gain of Israel Brokerage and Investments, Change +89.5 +87 -1.87 -218.5 -0.02 +41.93 -34.68 +8.18 +13.42 -11.1 +13.95 first section fell 2.4 points, or 0.17%, to 1394.24. posted sharp gains, boosting sever-al to record highs, after the Labor referring to recent IDF casualties more than 1%. Nikkei 17974.5 0.05% in the war with Hizbullah in south-The US consumer prices report Investors were awaiting the release of US consumer price Department reported that conern Lebanon. "It's depressing compounded one from the UK that when you have soldiers dying every other day and there's no sumer prices rose just 0.2 percent sbowed British government spending exceeded revenue by a last month despite the higgest data for August for clues about which was better than expected," jump in gasoline prices since the said John Hatherly, the head of research at M&G Investment. clear solution." lower-than- expected £1,139 bilwhich way global equities mar-Gulf crisis in 1990. kets are beaded, traders said. Investors are also focused on the lion in August. The US inflatioo figure was The data ignited the bond mar-ket, where interest rates fell to their The gilt market has risen on the Faltering US markets could damlatest development conflict with back of the report and it always the Palestinians, said Haim Varon, "better than anticipated," said age Japan by triggering concern a mutual fund manager at Nesnah has a knock-on effect." over Japanese exports to the US, lowest level since late July - just Roger Homett, an executive direc-Change -0.01 -0.0056 +0.0059 +0.0049 +0.0043 +0.0043 +0.0043 +0.002 +1.14 -0.002 +0.002 +0.002 +0.002 +0.002 +0.002 +0.005 +0.002 +0.005 +0.00 The report suggested that the before a series of robust economic Trading and Securities. "The marone of the few bright spots in tor at Societe Generale Equities readings that spurred inflation ket is awaiting political develop-ments," he said. International in London. 'It will British government needs to bor-Japan's otherwise gloomy econworries and sent stock sliding from be a sigh of relief for European row less than expected for the rest record levels. Across the exchange, NIS 141.5 markets. It means there is no infla-Electronics makers such as of the fiscal year, meaning the Bonds extended their gains in tion in the pipeline." government will bave to sell Sony fell after the Japanese govmillion of sbares were traded. More than two issues dropped for Combined, the two reports belped drive UK bonds to their the afternoon after a private fewer bonds to meet its expenses ernment last week said the econoresearch group reported that retail every one that rose. by April 5, the end of the fiscal my shrank a worse-than- expectsales slipped in the first two seeks Bank Hapoalim slipped 1.25% to NIS 7.59 shekels and Bank biggest rally in three months and lifted the FT-SE 100 Index to its ed 2.9% in the April-June period of September, further soothing The yield on the benchmark 10from the previous quarter, stirring year gilt fell 8 basis points to concern that Japan's tepid ecofears that heavy consumer demand Leumi lost 2% to NIS 5.69. The biggest single-day gain in two 6.78%, the lowest it's been since would aggravate inflationary presbanks were reiterated "buy" at nomic recovery is in jeopardy of weeks. "The major event was the PSBR, February 23, 1994. stalling. (AP) Sahar Securities & Investments.

Mark weakens as German rate rise concern eases

The dollar rose against the mark dollar could rise as high as 1.80 on waning expectation that the Bundesbank will soon raise lending rates. The U.S. currency gained against the yen amid concern over the fragile state of Japan's economy.

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The Bundesbank left its benchmark securities repurchase rate unchanged yesterday (The) at a record-low 3.0 percent. Soon afterward, Bundesbank council member Olaf Sievert, said it's "too early" to consider raising rates, further allaying concern such a move is around the corner.

"We have no worries the Bundesbank is going to raise rates," said Hans Boman, a currency trader at Swedbank. Boman. who said he last bought dollars Monday at 1.7650 marks, said the

marks by the end of the week. The dollar rose to 1.7712 marks from 1.7677 marks Monday. It also gained to 120.85 yen from 120.18 yen. Sievert said inflation shouldn't

be a reason for concern as long as wage increases remain limited, suggesting the Bundesbank will wait for further evidence of price rises before boosting lending rates, which would fight inflation by holding back growth. Higher rates could also boost the

mark by making deposits and bonds denominated in it more alluring. Recent reports showed the annualized inflation rate rose to 2.1 percent last month, above the Bundesbank's desired 2.0 percent ceiling on inflation. Figures



Dollar 3.5030 A 0.03% Basket 3.7609 ¥ 0.27% Mark 1.9746 ¥ 0.89% Sterling 5.5803 ▼ 0.74%

released Monday showed a higher-than-expected gain in wbolesale prices.

(Blonmberg) sures at factories.

the weakness of the economy cen-The dollar gained versus the ter stage yesterday, saying the Japanese yen on speculation that Germany, Japan and Canada. negative effects of an April 1 tax increase are still being felt in the the Japanese economy's faring too Copper drops amid rising production-surplus

poorly to prompt the Bank of

Japan to raise rates any time soon.

The economy's sluggisb perfor-

mance also may keep the Group

of Seven officials meeting next

weekend in Hong Kong from try-

ing to boost the yea, traders said.

The yen's weakness makes

Japanese exports more affordable

and is giving the limping economy

"The Japanese economy's too

weak for G-7 leaders to focus too

much on trade or to try to push the

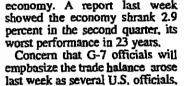
yen up," said Vincent Chaigneau,

economist at Societe Generale.

That should support dollar-yen."

Japan's Finance Minister brought

a much-needed boost.



including Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin, said they wanted Japan to do more to stimulate domestic demand. The dollar's high value against the yen can help damp Japanese buyers' demand for U.S. products since it makes U.S. exports more expensive. Some traders are concerned that G-7 leader might signal they don't want the dollar rising too much further. The G-7 include the U.S., the U.K., France, Italy,

(Bloomberg)

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first half of the year, raising expectations of more sales in the months ahead. The unidentified central bank sold 200 metric tons of gold in the first half of the year, Gold Fields Mineral Services said Friday in an update to its annual

supply-demand report. Spot gold traded \$2.70 lower at \$320.75 an ounce. Platinum and palladium prices fell. Russia, the world's largest producer of palladium and second largest in platinum, resumed shipments of the metals in July after a near seven-month hiatus. The

third Russian shipment of platinum this year arrived in Japan last week, traders said. Spot platinum traded \$3.40 lower at \$423.50 an ounce, while spot palladium fell 75 cents to \$192.75 an ounce.

Energy

Brent oil prices in London were little changed, with few traders willing to place bets on the oil market until US data was released last night to give them some clues on current levels of supply and demand. Brokers yesterday said there was little news in the market to influence prices and that they expected little activity until the market opens in New York and if some traders then try to guess what the American Petroleum

COMMODITIES



Cold \$320.45 ¥ 3.0%. Crude Ofl \$18.23 ¥ 0.03% CRB 241.15 y 0.03%

Institute report holds.

Meanwhile, on Friday the UN approved a plan to allow Iraq to sell more oil that hrokers had expected in the next quarter, though that news was anticipated and had little influence on prices. November Brent on the International Petroleum Exchange

Nickel slumped amid expectarecently traded unchanged at \$18.23 a barrel. Others

Copper dropped to a nine-month low amid expectations of a growing surplus of production as smelters and mines crank up their output and the growth in metals demand in Asia sags. London Metal Exchange copper inventories rose for a 12th successive day Monday and are now at their highest for more than 15 months. Analysts say this reflects slackening demand and rising supply. Copper for three months delivery dropped as much as \$25, or 1.2%, to \$2,088 a metric ton in electronic trading. It was quoted down \$19 at \$2,094 a ton.

tions of slowing demand, particularly in Japan, and increasing supplies of the hase metal. Last week, Japan said its secondquarter gross domestic product fell 2.9% from the first quarter, its higgest contraction in almost a quarter-century, raising concerns industrial demand will weaken.

Meanwhile, nickel supplies continue to rise. London Metal Exchange stockpiles are at almost a two-year high, exports from the former Soviet Union are higher than expected and lnco Ltd's. Voisey's Bay deposit in Newfoundland is due to start producing within two years. Nickel for three-months delivery on the LME traded \$50 lower at \$6,450 a metric ton. (Blonmberg)

US bonds rally following CPI report

The government said consumer US honds posted their biggest prices rose 0.2% last month, and gains in eight weeks, after a goverament report showed consumer 0.1% when food and energy prices are rising at the slowest prices are excluded, both less annual pace since 1986. Yesterday's reports "indicate that inflation remains low and economic growth isn't leading to said Kevin inflation," McClintock, who manages \$5 billion of bonds at the Dreyfus

Corp. in New York. This rally "is

The benchmark 30-year US

Treasury bond rose 1 12/32, or

\$14.06 per \$1,000 bond, to 98

26/32, driving its yield down 11

basis points to 6.46%, the lowest

since August 1. The yield on the two-year note fell 8 basis points

to 5.82%. Dreyfus purchased 30-

year bonds last week on the bet

that inflation would remain sub-

dued, McClintock said.

entirely justified."

than expected. The report quashed concern the Federal Reserve will raise interest rates soon to curb inflation. The consumer price report

"takes the [Federal Reserve] out of the picture for most people for this month," said Creston King, who manages about \$850 million in fixed-income securities for growth and low inflation. US Global Investors Inc. in San Antonio, Texas. "The way things are going now, the economy look great.

Bonds added to gains even after the Fed said industrial production rose 0.7% last month, a 1.6% annualized rate, compared bigger jump than analysts prewith a 3.2% rate in the same peridicted. The report failed to disod last year. Slow inflation is lodge optimism for steady good news for bondholders,



US 30-year T-bill yield

6.46 7 0.11

because it means the bonds' fixed payments will bold more of their

"We have a very low rate of inflation," said Kevin Logan. senior market economist at Dresdner Securities Inc. "This begins to lower the odds of a Fed tightening in November, never mind September,"

Fed officials last raised the target for overnight borrowing between banks in March - hy a quarter percentage point to 5.50%. They left rates unchanged The 30-year bond yield's 23 at meetings in May, July, and basis point drop in the past three days is the biggest 3-day rally since August 1996. last month. Fed Officials next meet September 30, and again For the first eight months of the November 12. year, consumer prices rose at a

Judging from Eurodollar futures, or dollars on deposit outside the US, a shrinking number of investors foresee higher central bank rates hy the end of the

year. The securities are among the most sensitive to Fed rate expectations. The implied rate on the December contract for threemonth Eurodollars fell to 5.82% yesterday – the lowest since July 31 – from 5.93% Thursday. That puts the rate 10 basis points higher than the current three-month borrowing rate, and auggests investors are split over whether the Fed will raise rates again by year-end.

To be sure, some fret a strong economy will keep the Fed on guard for signs of inflation, and may prompt officials to raise rates again soon to keep prices from picking up in the future. "The amazing strength of the economy warrants the heightened state of alert," said Anthony Karydakis, financial economist at First Chicago NBD. (Bloomberg)

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Japanese yen (100)	1.7415	1.7596	1.71	1.80	1,7534
Dutch florin	2,3659	2,4275	2.34	2.47	2,4059
Swiss hand	0.4535	0.4809	0.44	0.47	0,4563
Swedish krona	0.4735	0.4812	0.48	0.49	0,4778
Norwegian krone	0.5150	0.5234	0.50	0.54	0.5187
Dahish krone	0.6547	0.6653	0.64	0.68	0.6590
Finnish mark	2.4983	2.5365	2.45	2.58	2.5166
Canadian dollar	2.4905	2.5307	2.44	2.57	2.5108
Australian dollar	0.7419	0.7539	0.67	0.76	0.7485
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filed against cigarette companies in the US and Israel by smokers who believe that smoking caused them to become susceptible to life-threatening illnesses, new cigarette brands continue to flood the market. Case in point is Bond Street by Philip Morris, which is being marketed here by . Menashe H. Eliashar. To mark its launching, a special reception was beld at the Dan Hotel, Tel Aviv. Guest of honor was Surindar Mand (right), regional-representative for Philip Morris, who was greeted by Oded Eliashar, the managing director

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Ettie Geller has been named head of Laser Clinics at Assura Hospital. Among her previous positions, she was administrative and marketing manager of the Open University's School for Languages.

Pelephone Communications has. announced the appointment of Kobi Erez as deputy manager of. customer services, Erez, 41, joined Pelephone in 1992, and until his new appointment served as manager of the company's data systems. Erez was responsible for the establishment of Pelephone's operating system and for the development of many. of the company's projects,

Yair Feldman has been named . September 21. the manager of Manpower Information Technology, a sub² Givat Brenner Furniture has Information Technology, a sub-sidiary of Manpower Israel. Manpower is the world's largest. provider of solutions to manpower problems. An economics, and business management graduate of Bar-Ilan University, Feldman has held several senior management positions, among them projects manager at Elad Program Systems and supervisor. Avi Israely as general manager ,

quarterly basis to discuss the inglatery passs to uscuss me-legal implications in work rela-tions, management and human resources. The club, which was established within the frame-work of the Isnel Management Center, will devote itself to the clarification of labor laws.

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Yorant Orgad is the new general manager of Modan, one of the country's foremost manufacturiers of bags and schoolbags. An cogi-neering and business manage-ment gradings of the Halfa Technical Organis previous posi-tions have included plain manager of Israphor Industries and plant mager of Salvoplast Industries.

Yousi Camfor has resigned as general manager of Goldnet to take up the post of AT&T manag-er in Israel. He is the first Israeli manager to head local activities since AL&T established its the DS after four years of service. here. Cantor is being temporarily replaced at Goldnet by Ophir Bar Oren, deputy marketing and sales manager for Goldnet. Bar. Oren is the leading candidate to permanently replace Cantor.

Finance Minister Vankov Neeman'. Ins appointed lawyer Mint Kintz as the new head of the Securities and Exchange Commission. The appointment becomes effective on

annoniced the appointment of Gil Fogel as its general manager. Fogel is an industrial engineering and business management graduate of Tel Aviv University.

The Hambrecht & Quist-Tamir Fishnian Investment Bank has announced the appointment of of the computer unit at the Israel .. of the bank's company financing division. Israely, 34, is a lawyer by training and holds an

The forces driving the TASE

By NELL COHEN

ow much faith do you have in Yaakov Neeman's pow-Lers of persuasion and ability to build an intelligent consensus around the budget cuts and economic reforms he proposes? Will the prime minister back him to the hilt, and will that get the job done? Will David Levy put aside personal electoral considerations and give intelligent thought to the nation as a whole for a little while? (Almost certainly not, to that last question.) And finally, where is Wall Street heading?

These are the main factors - not counting major political surprises that will determine the direction of the TASE in the weeks and months to come. My crystal ball is pretty cloudy as far as internal politics goes. My sense is that Neeman is creative and determined enough to get some cuts through, but the strength of the opposition and interest groups within the coalition combined with the reactionary nature of the Netanyahn will stand in the way of Neeman accomplishing even close to what he wants. The outcome of the budget discussions for the market will likely fall somewhere between mildly

negative and mildly positive. Only an extreme outcome will swing

eign markets that will have the most powerful influence over Tel Aviv in the short term. There has been a marked drop off in market volume recently and most observers ascribe this to foreign investors' far greater wari-

Ironically, I think it will be the for-

ness of emerging markets. The huge devaluations seen by the currencies of some of the leading Asian economies led to sharp falls in their stock markets. The result has been that investors are now pretty gun-shy when it comes to most nontraditional markets.

To cap all this, New York has been pretty nervy. Volatility has increased considerably and sharp rises and sharper falls have become an almost daily occurrence. Whatever one thinks about the valuation and future of the US market, this is bad news for equity investors and could well point to some shortterm pain ahead. Most major markets have already headed south. albeit not very sharply. But any continuation or worsening of this situation will bode badly for world markets, and that includes Tel Aviv. The primary market has pretty much dried up with several issues.

including some pretty decent-quality ones, pulled close to their scheduled offering date. While a

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Teva	7.24	1,035.60	7,499	1,961.40	14:04.45	
Bank Tefalant	6.22	1,303.34	8,101	2,466.15	B. M.H	
Ac and	660.00	\$4.75	10.025	\$5.25	12.158.70	
Callsad	143.68	\$9.60	10,025	109.00	15,661.01	
Cannel Container	341.00	\$9.00	10.020	\$8.13	9.7.2.12	
Dan Hotels	425.65	8.81	3,769	9.65	4.107.50	
Orbotech	125.00	\$14.50	6.577	\$57.75	25.330.60	
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Chil Electronics	24,47	283.28	6,952	484.13	11,846.66	
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Tower Semiconductor	324.00	\$5.75	6,584	\$20.88	23,733,12	
Israel Chemicals	3.488.37	2.58	9,023	4.15	14,476,73	
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Biotech General	224.00	SI1.00	8.482	\$13.50		
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Home Center	283.00	\$5.25	5.021	\$6.25	5,214,84	
Joddal invisions	120.00	244.86	9,819	102.75	6.208.54	
Israel Corporation	47.33	211.30	10,025	252.00	12,330.00	
Orda Print	180.33	41.59	7.525	46.94	11,926.15	
Top Image	332.00	\$425	5.015		8,464.69	
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marker, this has the positive effect of eliminating some excess sup-There are several reasons why I ply, diverting demand into existing issues and thereby lending

some support to the market. There were rumors over the weekend that Indigo and Scitex were in merger talks. Both companies rushed to issue denials, and while Indigo's stock rose slightly on the rumor, it had no perceptible impact on Scitex. Both companies

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are clearly troubled, though Scitex seems to be showing some early signs of possible recovery. It is ironic that the most successful stock out of our two portfolios is the product of the merger of two ailing Israeli companies operating in more or less the same field. I refer, of course, to Orbotech, which was created out of the merger of Orbot and Optrotech.

These two companies operated in the same market, which wasn't big enough for both of them to coexist profitably. The merger cre-

ny with international market share of over 75 percent.

do not think a Scitex-Indigo merger will actually happen. In the Scitex release denying that talks were taking place, Scitex noted that it is interested in any route that would enhance shareholder value. Paradoxically, though, the one route it did not mention was putting up all or parts of its business for sale. Looking at things from the Scitex standpoint, it is hard to see how Scitex management could make an argument to its shareholders honestly justifying acquiring Indigo. Indigo is sicker than Scitex, which

itself is some way from getting its own house in order. While Indigo does have a strong technology base and product that Scitex could push through its better established distribution channels, for Scitex to give up a very big chunk of its equity for a bucketful of red ink doesn't seem to make sense. Then there are the issues of price and management, obstacles which have detailed many deals before.

One of the marks of successful investing is the ability to spot trends and themes ahead of time. If one tries to stand back from the TASE, one trend that seems inevitable is consolidation in the financial-services industry. Much of the developed world is overbanked and Israel is no exception. Strong unions will make closing branches and trimming workforces difficult, but as more and more of the banks enter

private ownership, greater efficien-

cy and higher profitability become

inevitable. Over the coming weeks,

we will be looking very closely at

opportunities in the banking sector.

the market sharply either way. symptom of pessimism about the ated a much more efficient compa- For some of the same reasons, I think there will be considerable consolidation in the insurance industry as a smaller number of better-capitalized insurers emerges, with some smaller players forced out of busi-

ness and others acquired. Ayalon Insurance is a small insurer which operates in both life and general insurance markets and has been pretty consistently profitable in both. The company is growing nicely, but is a small player in the overall scheme of the Israeli insurance scene. The company trades on a historic multiple of about seven times, which to me looks very cheap just on the fun-

damentals, but also makes the company a potential takeover candidate at a much higher price. So we are taking a small position in the aggressive portfolio.

For the new defensive portfolio, it is back to convertibles. The Al-Rov convertible trades at a 3.6% net yield to maturity. The company, which is one of the largest realestate developers in Israel and boasts George on its shareholder list, has a solid balance sheet and sound profitability.

The convertible has six years to run and a conversion premium of about 50%. The conversion premium is a little high, but given that we are being paid nicely to sit and await developments, it doesn't terribly bother me.

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BY GREER FAY CASHMAN

18.9 More than 30 leading companies will talk about their individual cutting edge qualities at the Hambrecht & Quist-Tamir Fishman Communication and Internet Conference at the Tel Aviv Hilton. The various company presentations, which will run from 10 a.m. through to 6 p.m., will be preceded by analyses on worldwide market trends in communications

22.9 No matter how good a business may be, it can always improve through more work and the various processes effective management of human required before export can get resources. This is the message that under way. They will also learn Israel B convey in its Personal Capital '97 Conference on human resources in business. Those attending the conference at the Dan Panorama con-

vention center in Tel Aviv will real-

and the Internet.

ize that any business is as good as the people who operate it.

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23.9 The Jerusalem The Jerusalem Center, in conjunction with Israel Discount Bank, the Israel Export Institute and the Small Business Authority, will hold an evening seminar for beginning exporters, company owners and heads of businesses with export potential. Participants attending the seminar at the Chen Hotel, Jerusalem, will be introduced to the export netabout marketing for export trade and what avenues of assistance are available to small businesses.

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SPORTS

Major League Linescores

AMERICAN LEAGUE

First game Cleveland 001 030 100-5 8 1 Baltimore 220 000 20x-6 6 0 Anderson, Plunk (7), Assenmacher (8) and Borders, Alomar (8): Yan, Boskie (5), Rhodes (6), Benitez (7), Nyers (9) and Webster, Hoiles (9), W-Benitez, 4-4. L-Plunk, 4-5. Sv--Myers (42). HRs—Clevelaod, Vizqoel (5). Bahimore, Hammonds (20).

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Geveland 000 020 101-4 10 0 Baltimore 000 000 100-1 10 1 Ogea, M.Jackson (7), Assenmacher (8), Mesa (8) and S.Alomar; Krivda, Mills (7), Orosco (8), Te.Mathews (9) and Webster. W-Ogea 7-9. L-Krivda 4-1. Sv-Mesa (14). HRs-Ueveland, Grissom (12). Baltimore, Berroa (26).

Boston 012 003 000-6 12 0 New York 004 101 001-7 11 0 Saberhagen, D.Lowe (5), Makay (6), Brandenburg (7), Corsi (8) and Haselman; D.Wells, Boehringer (6), M.Rivera (9) and Posada. W-M.Rivera 5-4. 1-Corsi 3-2. HRs-New York, Raines (3), "LMartinez (42).

Chicagn 100 025 020-10 14 0 Milwaukee 420 032 00x-11 13 1 Eyre, Levine (5), N.Cruz (6), T.Castillo (7) and Eyre, Levine (3), M.Lriz (0), I.Lastino (7) and Fabregas, Machado (6); Eldred, Davis (6), Fetters (7), Do.Jones (8) and Srionett. W---Eldred 13-13. L--Eyre 3-4. 5w-Do.Jones (33). HRs--Chicago, Abbott (1), M.Valdez (1), O.Guillen (4). Milwaukee, Voigt (8), Dr.Jackson (4).

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Sv—J.Montgomery (13). HRs—Texas, Ju.Gonzalez (38), ETatis (7).

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000 002 100---3 9 0 210 031 00x---7 10 1 Toronto Seattle W.Williams, Janzen (5), Almanzar (7), Robinson (8) and 8 Santiago; Cloude, Spoljaric (7), Avala (7), Charlton (8), Slocumb (9) and Da.Wilson, W-Clourde 3-2, L-W,Williams 8-14, Sv-Slocumb (25), HRs-Conto, Cruz Jr (24). Seattle, Cora (10), Griffey Jr 2 (52), Sorrento (29), Oz.Wilson (14).

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Orioles 1st to clinch postseason berth

Griffey cracks 51st, 52nd HRs

BALTIMORE (AP) - The Baltimore Orioles became the first team in the majors to clinch a postseason berth with a 6-5 victory over Cleveland in the first game of a day-night doubleheader

Monday. In the second game, Chad Ogea pitched six shutout innings and Marquis Grissom bomered to lead the Indians to a 4-1 victory. The Orioles reduced their magic

number to clinch the AL East title to nine. They lead the New York Yankees by six games with 14 remaining.

In the opener, Baltimore's Eric Davis played his first game since undergoing colon cancer surgery in June. He played five innings, went 0-for-3 and made four catches in right field. Yankees 7, Red Sox 6

Derek Jeter singled bome the winning run with two outs in the bottom of the ninth inning as New York lowered its magic number for clincbing a playoff berth to six. On a night that included Tino Martinez's first homer in three weeks and a weird, game-tying play in the sixth, Jim Corsi (3-2) walked Paul O'Neill leading off the ninth. O'Neill then tagged up and just beat the throw following Bernie Williams' fly to deep left. Martinez was intentionally walked, Chad Curtis struck out and Jeter singled just in front of a diving Micbael Coleman in center,

his third straight hit. Mariano Rivera (5-4) pitched a perfect ninth, stopping Boston's four-game winning streak.

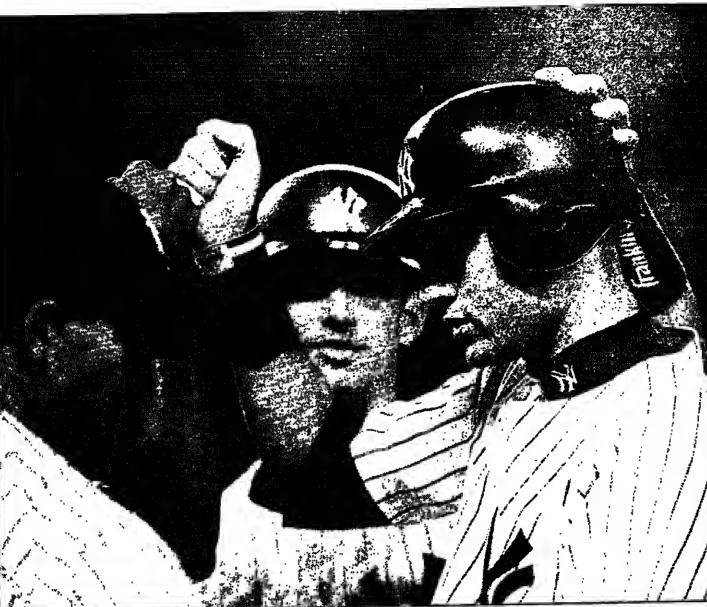
Mariners 7, Blue Jays 3 Ken Griffey Jr. hit his leagueleading 51st and 52nd homers to lead a five-homer barrage as

Seattle won at home. Griffey, who hit 49 bomers last season, became the sixth player in major-league history to combine for 100 homers in consecutive seasons. "I don't look at records, I don't look at who did what," Griffey

said. "All 1 care about is who's pitching and what we have to do to win." Brewers 11, White Sox 10 Jeromy Burnitz and Darrin Jackson drove in three runs apiece

as the Milwaukee Brewers snapped a five-game losing streakwith a home win. Jackson and Jack Voigt hit two-14. 1. 1. 1. 1.

run homers for the Brewers, who moved into second place in the AL



MR. CLUTCH -- Derek Jeter (r) receives congratulations following his game-winning bottom-of-the-ninth-inning hit as the Yankees (Reuters) beat the Red Sox, 7-6.

a doubleheader split. 5% innings. Doug Jones got the final four outs for his 33rd save in 34 opportunities.

Royals 11, Rangers 9 Jose Offerman had four hits and four RBIs, and Jeff King's tworun double in the ninth inning gave Kansas City the away win. Offerman led off the ninth with a single against Danny Patterson (9-6) and Jed Hansen entered as a pinch-runner. Johnny Damon popped up a bunt attempt, but Jay Bell singled and King followed with his double into the left-field

NATIONAL LEAGUE Mets 10, Phillies 5 (10, 1st) Phillies 2, Mets 1 (2nd)

The Mets won the opener behind Bernard Gilkey and Butch Huskey, who both hit two home runs and then each added RBI singles in the 10th inning.

Winston (1-0), released by the Mets' organizatioo in March and signed by the Phillies' system in April, was bit hard by New York last week in his big league debut. But Wioston bounced back from that one bad inning at Sbea Stadium by holding the Mets to just one unearned run. He struck--out five,-walked-none-and-also --homer----bit an RBI single in his first at-

bat in the majors. Braves 5, Giants 4 Fred McGriff hit a two-out, two-

on in relief of Shawn Estes and got two strikeouts in the eighth, San Francisco turned to Beck, who was seeking his 38th save of the season and 200th of his career. Handed a 4-1 lead, Beck (5-4) got the first out when Tommy Gregg flied to left, but three con-

secutive singles by Michael Tucker, Kenny Lofton and Jeff Blauser cut the lead to 4-2. Chipper Jones drove in another run with a groundout before

Tied at 1 in the seventh, Walker homered the opposite way to right field off Alex Fernandez (17-11). McGriff hit a 1-1 pitch into the -left-ceoter stands for bis 22nd -San Francisco entered the day NL RBIs leader with 130, hit an

tied for first with Los Angeles in the NL West. visit to Pro Player Stadium on Atlanta increased its lead over

seventh-inning jam and visiting San Diego cut the Astros' lead in the NL Central to 3½ games.

The Astros have 13 games left, including five against second-

place Pittsburgh. Housion traited 4-1 entering the seventh, but loaded the bases on two siogles and a walk. After an infield single by pinch-hitter Tony Eusebio scored a run, Bruske relieved.

Pinch-hitter Bill Spiers hit a single that made it 4-3 and kept the bases loaded. Bruske, however, retired pinch-hitter Thomas Howard on a weak popup and struck out Ricky Gutierrez. Trevor Hoffman closed for his 34th save.

Pirates 5, Expos 4

Kevin Young hit a dramatic t0th-inning home run in his first at-bat since August 2, rallying slumping Pittsburgh to a home win.

The Pirates were in danger of falling out of the NL Central race after losing five of six and 14 of

19. Young's homer came a day after he erupted in a stormy clubhouse following a ninth-inning loss to the Cubs, challenging his teammates 10 get back into the race. He had been sidelined for month than a month because of an injured thumb.

Young, inserted as a defensive replacement in the eighth, promptly followed his own advice by hitting a pitch by Anthony Telford (4-6) over the right field wall for his 17th homer.

Reds 4, Cubs 1

Eduardo Perez hit a solo home run and bad a key RBI single as Ciociooati notched one at Wrigley Field.

Perez, who was 0-for-8 against the Cubs this season prior to Monday's game, hit an RBI single in the third inning and his 16th homer in the seventh as the Reds won their fourth game in their last

five. Mike Morgan (8-11) improved leading 44th home run and Andres to 5-1 over his last seven starts, giving up one run on five hits over homer as the Colorado Rockies seven innings. Jeff Shaw pitched broke away in the seventh inning the ninth for his NL-leading 38th

The Rockies won their fifth io a save. Dodgers 7, Cardinals 6

Visiting Los Angeles rallied for three runs in the 15th inning to take sole possession of first place in the NL West.

The Dodgers, who started the night tied with San Francisco, Two pitches later, Galarraga, the moved a game ahead of the Giants, who lost to Atlanta 5-4. estimated 450-foot homer into the Los Angeles was set to play St. upper deck. In Galarraga's last Louis last night, then travels to San Francisco series, which should go a long way to determine the NL West Reliever Jim Bruske escaped a champ.

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NATIONAL LEAGUE

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Second game New York 000 100 000---- 3 0 Philadelphia 020 000 00x-2 6 | Crawford, HcHichael (7) and Pratt; Winston, Gomes (8), Karp (8), Bottalico (9) nod Estalella. W-Winston I-O. L-Crawford 2-3. 5v Bottalico (30).

Montreal 000 100 003 0-4 10 1 Pittsburgh 013 000 000 1-5 14 2 P.J.Martinez, Bennett (8), Kline (8), Telford (9) and Fletcher, Chavez (9); Loaiza, Wallace (7), Loiselle (9), Rincon (10), M.Wilkins (10) and Kendall, W-M.Wilkins 9-5, L-Telford 4-6. HR ___Pittsburgh, K.Youog (17).

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Botched FG snap gives Dallas win



WALKMAN - Cowboys Herschel Walker (I) is stopped by Eagles Derrick Whitherspoon as be returns a kick in Monday's action. (Reuters)

IRVING, Texas (AP) -- Anthony Miller, criticized for not playing GB hurt last week, made a leaping catch of a 14-yard touchdown pass 5% from Troy Aikman with 51 seconds left Monday night and the Dallas Cowboys rallied from a two-touchdown deficit to a 21-20 victory over the Philadelpbia Eagles who botched a 22-yard field goal attempt as time expired. Punter Tom Hutton, holding for placekicker Chris Boniol, fumbled the snap, tried to run with it, and coach Barry Switzer. 12

with a 46-yard pass to the Dallas 5-yard line with four seconds to play. The Eagles, who had driven from their own 16 following Miller's TD, called their final

timeout. Boniol trotted on for what seemed like a can't miss attempt considering he had made 46 consecutive field goals from the 35-yard line on in. The snap was perfect. But the hold wasn't.

Aikman, hounded all night by a tougb pass rush, took the Cowboys 62 yards in seven plays for the winning touchdown. A fourth-down pass interference call on Charles Dimry set Dallas up at Ty Detmer hit Freddie Solomon the Philadelphia 45. Replays Eagles (1-2) smelled an upset.

showed the ball was tipped by Eagles lineman Mike Mamula and that should have negated the call. Then Aikman, who had been booed in the first half, connected with tight end Eric Bjornson on a diving 24-yard completion to the Philadelphia 17. Two plays later, Miller, who was falling down, grabbed the ball away from safety Tim Watson in the back of the end zone.

Eagles comerback Bobby Taylor produced 10 points with blindside blitzes of Aikman that caused fumbles. Detmer also threw a touchdown pass and Boniol kicked two field goals as the

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SPORTS

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Wright, Schmeichel: Birds of a feather

By Andy Cooper

of Ian Wright and Peter these two very different charac-Schmeichel were in the headlines for all the wrong reasons. This weekend both men were again worthy of a few column inches, for entirely the right reasons

But rather than the kind of

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screaming headlines we witnessed during

last season's long, drawn-out row over Schmeichel's suppos-

edly racist comments to Wright after a particularly ill-advised challenge by the Arsenal striker, this time the pundits came to praise them.

United and Manchester Arsenal, the two heavyweights of the Premiership, were not playing each other, so the attention was more to do with separate achievements by each man which once again contributed massively to their clubs' causes. And given the historical sig-

nificance of his contribution, it was Wright who grabbed most of the headlines.

Fresh from two goals for England in the 4-0 midweek defeat of Moldova, he scored a hat trick against Bolton at Highbury, which saw him match, surpass and then build upon Cliff Bastin's 51-year record of 17g goals for the Gunners

Since joining the Gunners from Crystal Palace in 1991, Ian Wright has done enough to warrant his own bust alongside Herbert Chapman in the famous marble halls. He has averaged 29 goals a season for the past six seasons and hc now stands on 180 Arsenal goals from 259 appearances. Not many would bet on him putting the record well our sight during the rest of this season. And Schmeichel? Well, no landmark achievement to speak of from him during the 2-1 defeat of West Ham which saw United move ominously to the top of the Premiership.

Truth be told, he didn't put in a particularly good performance. He was wrong-footed by Gary Pallister's weak back beader and John Hartson nipped in to open the scoring for the Hammers. And late in the game Schmeichel nearly contrived to drop an innocent attempt on goal behind him and into the net. Yet with United already 1-0 down, Paul Kitson raced through on goal with the chance to give the tors an even bigger lead. Call

Last season the combative duo it is remarkable how similar ters really are in terms of their influence on the game. Born just fifteen days apart in

November 1963, both exhibit a kind of talismanic presence in their side. Ink in Schmeichel's

name on the team sheet and opposing for-LONDON CALLING wards know they will be facing up to a man who

has made "thou shalt not pass" his own special commandment during his six years at Old Trafford.

Mucb was made of Eric Cantona's influence in securing four Premiership titles in five seasons during his topsy-turvy tenure of that famous No. 7 shirt. Yet during those five seasons, it was the brooding, brawling, bril-liant Schmeichel who ensured that a team renowned for its wonderful goal scoring wasn't half bad at stopping the opposition having a sniff too.

Similarly, when Wright lines up for Arsenal, chances are that the opposition is already bracing itself, if it possibly can, for the unexpected. Frighteningly, even before the club invested in bigname partners such as Dennis Bergkamp and Marc Overmars, Wright was still banging them in with aplomb, very often carrying almost single-handed responsibility for the goals in some rather dull, defensive Arsenal sides.

His relationship with the adoring Highbury faithful speaks volumes for the high regard in which he is beld. When the chant of "Wright, Wright" rolls down the North Bank, it isn't the sound of hero worship, more a connection between player and punter which most footballers can't hope to achieve.

And yet in the case of both Wright and Schmeichel, we will perhaps never know how close they have come in recent times to leaving their clubs. Certainly, during Bruce Rioch's troubled reign as Arsenal manager, it did appear Wright was on borrowed time. His relationship with Rioch fell to such a low that the public rows and moody body language only served to create the impression that he might be on his way. But when the parting eventually came, it was Rioch who was leaving and Wright was free to continue knocking them in, this time under the seemingly more caring, cultured reign of Arsene Wenger.

neichel, too, was clos leaving. Stories came that the big man was having talks with Alex Ferguson about moving on. It was suggested that he was concerned about the future education of his son and a move back to Scandinavia might be high on the family agenda. Both men are proud and com-mitted to their cause, which sometimes spills over into some rather expansive posturing and gesturing on the field of play. Indeed, that may be at the root of last year's little spat - two emotional, strong-willed characters clashing in the high-octane atmosphere of a top of the table clash.

Betar eclipse Brugge, 2-1 out that, "Betar's game was full of quality. They moved the ball The City of Gold was treated to speedily from defense to attack to 90 minutes of pulsating soccer last threaten us again and again on the

break, and had the quality to get back and defend to make life difficult for our attack," Although Gerets claimed not to be surprised by the briskness of the Jerusalemite offense, Stefan Saloi in particular and the hardworking Nir Sevila repeatedly caused panic with their searing

runs at the Belgian defense. The action moved breathtakingly from end to end as both sides threw everything into attack from the kickoff in a physical game that was allowed to flow by the Swedish referee. The Betaris had the better of the early skirmishes. Kashtan's tactics were to keep midfielders Pishont and Yossi Abuksis in deep positions with the two of them releasing long balls to the ever-mobile Saloi and Sevila,

Brugge coach Eric Gerets was the former almost getting on to the full of praise for his counterpart scoresheet twice in consecutive Dror Kashtan in the post-match moves midway through the first

In the opposite goalmouth, smart work on the right by Gert Veyheyen saw the ball repeatedly fed into the box lowards Jbari, by far the most dangerous of the visitors' three front men.

Unlike the previous European bout against Sporting Lisbon, the Jerusalemites' work in the opposition area possessed real venom, and Vanderlinden was left counting his lucky stars when Pishont rapped the crossbar with a wicked dipping shot six minutes before the interval.

A free kick one minute after the restart provided the basis for a glorious goal from Pishont who jinxed forward with the ball to escape the attention of three defenders before releasing a thunderous shot into the top. right-hand corner of the Brugge : net.

With the Belgians still dazed, Pishont returned a wall pass with Saloi in the 50th minute, who unleashed another unstoppable shot to put Betar 2-0 up.

success, or just hindered by lack of experience at this level, the Jerusalemites then lost all semblance of organization and allowed their visitors to dictate the rest of the match. With Betar's midfield nowhere to be seen. Brugge hammered at the door, and the non-stop pressure was repaid by a goal from Ibari in the 57th minute as the Betar defense stood

gaping. As the moon faded from view, someone up there certainly seemed to favor the hosts as attack after attack was repelled in haphazard fashion to the increasing constemation of Brugge's famed captain Franky Van Der Elst.

The only blot on the landscape from an Israeli perspective besides Iban's goat - was the abhorrent racist chanting of Betar's "fans" against the Belgian side's two black players. The same conduct against Sporting resulted in a moderate fine being imposed by UEFA, but this clearly failed to th the practice. It is to be hoped

take a much stiffer line this time around to assure that the Betar management take real action to stop this menacing behavior.

While it is unlikely that the onegoal victory margin will be enough to take Betar through to the next round of the competition. this performance should be appreclated for what it was - a fine display on a magical night.

Betar Jerusalem: Itzik Komfein. Eitan Mizrahi (Shmulik Levy 46). Sergei Tartiak, Alon Harazi, Yossi Abuksis, David Amsalem, Jan Telesnikov, Istvan Pishont, Stefan Saloi, Isrvan Hamer (Ra'anan Deri 65), Nir Sevila,

FC Brugge: Dany Vanderlinden; Eric Defiandre, Pascal Renier, Vital Borkelmans, Franky Van Der Elst, Gert Verheyen, Lorenzo Staelens, Khalilou Fadiga, Gert. Claessens (Maxime Dhoore 78). Nordin Jbari, Eric Addo.

In other UEFA Cup action last night, hosts Rapid Vienna beat Hapoel Petah Tikva 1-0, following a 37th-minute strike by

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CLOSING IN - Brugge's Khalilou Fadiga (second from right) seeks a way through Betar's Sergei Tartiak (5) Jan Telesnikov (4) and Yossi Abuksis (8).

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it positioning, call it presence but Schmeichel raced from bis goal, blocked the attempt and the moment had passed. Yet as West, Ham manager

Harry Redknapp admitted the save was the turning point. Once again Schmeichel had literally saved United. At first glance, there might not seem to be much in common between a 6-foot-4 blond, Danish goalkeeper wbose public utterances verge on the non-existent and a black, Woolwich-born striker with a neat supply of one-liners who has become the media's favorite sound bite supplier. Yet if one looks a little deeper

press conference, rightly pointing period.

By DEREK FATTAL

night as Betar Jerusalem took the

European stage by storm, register-ing a deserved 2-1 victory over

Belgium's FC Brugge in the first

round opening leg of their UEFA

Cup tie, Betar's Hungarian duo of

Istvan Pishont and Sefan Saloi

proved their caliber on the night as

each fired into the goal of Brugge keeper Dany Vanderlinden in the

opening minutes of the second

half to send the home fans into

ecstasy, only for the Belgians to

swiftly regain their senses and hit

back in the 57th minute through

Moroccan Nordin Jbari for a vital

way goal. The 8,000 spectators witnessed

a Betar performance to saver.

crowned by a lunar eclipse over Teddy Stadium as the final whistle

away goal.

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Perhaps surprised by their own that Europe's governing body will Oliver Freund.

Celtic, Liverpool draw; Arsenal upset; Inter roll

SDOOK department

LONDON (AP) - The first installment of the "Battle of Britain" ended in a 2-2 draw yesterday between Celuc and England's Liverpool in one of 32 games in the first round, first leg of the UEFA Cup. The end-to-end rivalry before a 50,000

sellout at Parkhead stadium in Glasgow won't be settled until the second leg oo September 30 in Liverpool. Steve McManaman saved Liverpool with

a blistering goal from 20 yards in the 90th minute to equalize.

Celtic, who fell behind 1-0 on a sixth-minute goal in the first half by 17-year-old Michael Owen, came hack in the second half with a goal in the 52nd by Jackie McNamara and the go-ahead strike in the 73rd on a penalty by Simon Donnelly that beat Liverpool goalkeeper David James.

Arsenal, another of the favorites along with Liverpool to win the Premier League, were upset by PAOK Salonica 1-0 on a goal in the 61 st by Costas Frantzeskos, who scored on a left-footed shot from 12 yards.

striker Dennis Bergkamp, who refuses to fly and decided a trip over land trip would take too long.

Girondins Bordeaux and Aston Villa played to a scoreless draw.

Spain's Athletic de Bilbao upended Italy's Sampdoria 2-1 on a goal in 19th by Roberto Rios and another in the second half by Javi Gonzalez. Sampdoria's goal was in the 73rd by French midfielder Alain Boghossian. In Milan, Brazilian teammates Ronaldo

Arsenal played the match without Dutch triker Dennis Bergkamp, who refuses to fly give star-studded Internazionale of Milan a 2-0 victory against Swiss side Neuchatel Xamax.

Inter's widely expected victory against the Swiss underdogs at Milan's San Siro stadium came following a lackluster first half which ended 0-0.

Slovenian side Maribor Teatanic put up a spirited fight against Ajax, forcing the Dutch giant to a settle for a 1-1 draw in Maribor.

Newcastle face

Spanish giants

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LONDON (AP) - Sir John Hall used FC Barcelona as a model when he built Newcastle United into an English soccer power. So it's only fitting that the biggest game in Newcastle's history finds the Magpies taking on the Spanish giants. Today's Champions League game in Newcastle comes just 48 bours after Hall announced he was resigning as club chairman in

December following six years in charge. Hall helped rescue Newcastle from the threat of bankruptcy and relegation to the old third division. Spending £100 million in

less than fix years, he brought in stars like Alan Shearer and assembled a club which challenged for the Premier League title last season. With Kenny Daiglish as manag-

er, Newcastie will test themselves in elite European competition for the first time - against one of the powerhouses of European soccer and winner of last year's Cup Winners Cup.

Newcastle are missing Shearer, still out with a leg injury, and coming off a 3-1 home defeat to Wimbledon last weekend. Barcelona, under new manager

Louis van Gaal, lead the Spanish

league standings after three games. Midfielder Pep Guardiola, Brazilian Giovanni and Portuguese goalkeeper Vitor Baia are all out with injuries.

Newcastle-Barcelona is one of 12 Champions League games today, two in each of the six

groups. Defending champion Borussia Dortmund field a weakened team for its game in Turkey against Galatasaray, with five regulars missing.

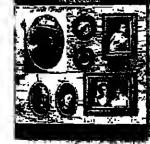
Juventus, who play at home against Dutch club Feyenoord Rotterdam, have a lineup featuring star forwards Alessandro del Piero and Filippo Inzaghi and French midfielders Didier Deschamps and Zinedine Zidane.

Feyenoord has gotten off to a slow start, with two wins and three draws in its first five Dutch league matches.

Injuries have hobbled English champion Manchester United before their game against Kosice in Slovakia. Ryan Giggs, Ole Gunnar Solskjaer, David May, Terry Cooke, Jordi Cruyff and Ronny Johnsen are all out. But the team got a boost yesterday when striker Teddy Sheringham said he has nearly fully recovered from broken ribs.

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SPORTS

# Ra'anana, Eilat win Morocco facing sanctions in EuroCup hoops

**Report: Bobby Robson** 

headed to Benfica

LISBON (AP) - English man-ager Bobby Robson will move to year. He is now Barcelona's gen-

said

FC Barcelona's head coach this his proposal at Benfica's general assembly September 26.

eral manager.

### By ELI GRONER

Israeli clubs utilized the homecourt advantage last oight as Maccabi Ra'anana and Hapoel Eilat swept to victories in EuroCup action over Austria's SL Polteo and Britain's London Towers, respectively.

Ra'anana 76, St. Polten 70 After two subpar games in local National League play, Paul Thompson gave a huge performance, scoring 23 points and grabbing 15 rebounds, to lead Ra'anana to victory in its European debut.

While Thompson was solid throughout, Mark Brisker provided the biggest basket of the night: a fadeaway jumper with two minutes left that gave Ra'anana a 69-66 advantage. Brisker (16 points) was fouled on the play, converted the ensuing free throw, and gave Ra'anana a comfortable lead that it preserved.

Lisbon to coach Benfica, a news-

paper reported yesterday. Benfica officials are unhappy

with head coach Manuel Jose

after Benfica's 1-1 draw Sunday

against Academica in the third

round of the Portuguese league

and are looking to Robson as the

replacement, according to the

The 64-year-old Robson was

replaced by Luis Van Gaal as

daily Diario de Noticias.

After falling behind early, Ra'anana clamped down defensively in the second half, allowing Austria's finest to tally just 27 points, enabling the locals to overcome a seven-point halftime deficit. When Shibak's club fell behind it reverted to the fundamentals it

does best - making the extra pass and searching for the best possible shot. That offeosive combination, along with a disciplined, man-toman defense, sparked the comeback.

The first half was an entirely differeot story. Nedelko Eskerich and Sergei Orkov combined on 5-8 from behind the arc. They were complemented by Godfrey Thompson, who had six points and two steals in the first seven minutes.

Thompson and Nedelko Askeritz paced Polten's scorers with 16 points apiece. In other action, Eilat topped the London Towers, 93-81.

year. He is now Barcelona's gen-

Robson, who coached the 1990

English national team, came to

Barcelona from FC Oporto,

where he guided the team to two

league titles in 1995 and 1996. "The English trainer could be

the ace up the sleeve of the pres-ident of the clnb, Mannel Damasio," Diario de Noticias

Damasio is expected to present

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refusing to play in Israel this week.

Morocco cited security concerns for forfeiting the match, while Israel blamed politics for the decision.

Morocco was scheduled to play in Tel Aviv beginning Friday in the playoff for Euro-African Zooe Group 1. The winner would advance to Group 1, with the loser relegated to Group 2.

International Tennis The Federation said Morocco submitted its team names 10 days before the

PARIS (AP) — Morocco could match, in compliance with the be kicked out of the Davis Cup for rules. But Moroccan tennis officials later said the team would not go to Israel and would forfeit the match.

after Davis Cup forfeit

The ITF said the Davis Cup Committee would discuss any sanctions to he taken against Morocco at its next scheduled meeting October 7 in London.

According to Davis Cup regulatioos, any nation withdrawing from the competition is not eligible to take part in the competition the following year.

Moroccan tennis officials had requested the ITF to ask Israel to provide adequate security for the

match. The ITF Committee of Management made the request and Israel said it was able to provide the security.

Morocco maintained the security was not enough for its team, officials and fans and withdrew. The requests came in the wake of two recent bombings in Jerusalem. The Israeli Tennis Association was informed of the Moroccan decision, according to ITA direc-

tor general Yair Engel. "We deeply regret that at the end of the 20th century politics was allowed to interfere with sport,"

Engel said.

Inaugural Ali Cup amateur boxing tournament under way

LOUISVILLE (AP) - The city of Louisville wel- Anwar Chowdhry of Pakistan, the presideot of the comed bome its most beloved son Monday to kick off International Amateur Boxing Association. "It is my an international amateur boxing tournament that bears his name.

Slowly, Muhammad Ali rose, smiled and rang the ringside bell three times to signal the opening of the inaugural Muhammad Ali Cup International Amateur Boxing Challenge at the Commonwealth Convention Center.

Members of the 21 countries represented in the event marched into the arena bearing the flags of their bome nations.

The event is expected to raise more than \$1 million for a planned Ali museum and education center in Louisville and several USA Boxing vouth programs. It also will help

at the World Championships in Budapest, Hungary, in October.

a boxing competition in the name of the greatest of the great boxers the world has ever produced," said

wish and desire that this tournament should become an annual feature.

Nearly 100 boxers from more than 20 nations are to compete in the tournament

The week will be capped by a starstudded tribute to amateur boxing, featuring the first appearance of Mike Tyson and Evander Holyfield together since their June fight in which Tyson was disqualified for twice biting Holyfield on the ear.

The tribute will feature a mini concert by singer Natalie Cole; a reading of Ali's words by actor James Earl Jones; jokes by comedian and actor Jeff Foxworthy; and some lightheart-ed rounds of boxing, featuring the

determine members of the US team that will compete likes of Holyfield and Tyson taking on local celebrities, such as Kentucky basketball coach Tubby Smith and Louisville basketball coach Denny Crum.

There also will be three mini rounds of sparring with All and other boxing greats, with the cost of climbing into the ring starting at \$50,000.

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### New look to NHL All-Star Game

VANCOUVER (AP) - The NHL's All-Star game this season will have an international flavor with the North American All-Stars taking on the World All-Stars.

The game will be played Sunday, January 18, at General Motors Place in Vancouver, just three weeks before many of the same players compete in the Winter Olympics in Nagano, Japan. Under the new format, the top NHL players representing

Canada and the US will face the top NHL players from the rest of the world. The starting lineups for both clubs will be selected in fan balloting.

### Positive tests for steroids increase by 80%

LONDON (AP) - Ninety athletes tested positive for banned drugs in Britain over the past year, with an alarming 80 percent increase in findings for use of anabolic steroids, the UK Sports Council reported yesterday.

The council's annual anti-doping study reported that 98% of athletes tested negative in 4,469 controls carried out in 1996-97. "It is a great lestament to the integrity of our athletes ... a

result that confirms that the vast majority of our athletes compete drug free," said Michele Verroken, director of the council's anti-doping division.

Of the 90 positive findings, the majority were for stimulants (40) and anabolic agents (27).

### Spaniard pulls out of British Masters

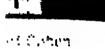
LONDON (AP) - Miguel Angel Martin, still fighting to be included on Europe's Ryder Cup team, yesterday withdrew from this week's British Masters because of continuing problems with his wrist.

The 35-year-old Spaniard hasn't competed since missing the cut at the British Open on July 18 and had wrist surgery last month.

He was removed from the team two weeks ago when be refused to play to prove he was healthy.

Martin asked European team officials to wait until the British Masters, which starts tomorrow, to decide if his wrist had healed enough to allow him to play against the US in the Ryder Cup, which begins in Spain oo September 26.

Martin has threatened to sue after being dropped from the Ryder Cup. His removal allowed Spanish captain Seve Ballesteros to elevate the No. 11 player – Jose Maria Olazabal – to the team and still select Nick Faldo and Jesper Pamevik,



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# Acre 1997: The show must go on festival had already received NIS 1.05 mil- endless, endless bureaucracy, it's about

### By HELEN KAYE

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hat theater artists have been pouring their creative blood and guts into the Acre Festival for the last four months has been lost in the ugly and unnecessary furor surrounding its funding. If the Acre Festival opens as planned on October 18, and that opening is by no means assured, there will be 14 plays in competition. Six of them will come from the Hammama (Hothouse) - first plays by the younger generation - as well as the street theater, which has become another festival tradition.

"The groups feel wretched," says festival artistic director Itzik Weingarten. "They feel humiliated, dispirited and demoralized, but they keep working. 'We're doing it for you and Gadi," they tell me. 'We see how hard you're working and that gives us strength."

Gadi is festival producer Gad Oron, and the two have been working relentlessly since January to pry the promised NIS 1.5 million subsidy out of the Ministry of Education and Sports. The cumulative crises came to a head last week when the festival, for the third time this year, was promised an immediate infusion of NIS 250,000, contingent upon the receipt of a provisional balance sheet from the Arts and Culture Financial Trust (ACFT), ACFT was also ordered to sign contracts with the artists "forthwith."

Both promise and demands were enstrined in a handwritten memo to the ACFT from Dr. Dan Ronnen, head of the ministry's cultural section whose executive arm is the Arts and Culture Administration, to which the ACFT is subordinate.

The memo might have remained unwritten if Weingarten and a busload of Acre Festival participants hadn't made a lastditch camp outside the ministry gates last Thursday, demanding to see Education Minister Zevulun Hammer, who has played



Itzik Weingarten in 'Dancing for Daddy,' in 1993. As artistic director for the Acre Theater Festival, he is frustrated by the lack of funds, yet he hopes that 'audiences will come to support the festival if nothing else.'

an absentee role in the entire fracas.

The security guards at the ministry were very sympathetic," says Weingarten. "They erstood our frustration and kept running ЦŢ up to the office begging [director-general] Benzion Dell to see us. Then, wheo they finally had to call the police because we

were making so much noise and insisting on coming in, they were so apologetic." That was the moment when Dell invited a delegation into the office, which resulted

not only in the memo but in a lengthy press release in which Dell expressed amazement that anybody might even think the minister was interested in choking the festival. After all, he said "Hammer gave the green light to the first festival 18 years ago and was the minister for 11 festivals thereafter."

Red tape is responsible, said Dell soothingly, but now everything had been sorted out and the funds would flow. After all, the

tion. What he did not say was that, according to ACFT chairman Uri Ofer and not denied by the ministry, about 40% of this money had been diverted to other ACFT

projects by ministry orders. This year's festival is already smaller because its budget was slashed from NIS 4.2m. to NIS 3m. in June when the Treasury ordered 10% cuts across the board and that included the cultural budget. There are no visiting companies from abroad, no guest productions, and only local street-theater companies.

However, none of this numerical wrangling makes a bit of difference to the artists who have been digging into their own pockets for everything from paying for rehearsal space to putting the down payment on a pile of lumber for the set. They are supposed to get advances for these expense

Year after year, the Acre Festival attracts eager unknowns and some of the brightest names in Israeli theater. They go to renew themselves, like

Cameri actress Zaharira Harifa'i, who's directing an original play by Ephraim Cohen, Fragments. She doesn't want to talk to anybody because she's frazzled, running around trying to get rehearsal space. Or they go to do something different, like Idit Zur and Gideon Shemer, who decided that Acre was the right place to do a play hased on Aharon Appelfeld's novella Katarina. Zur said she was sorry she ever had the idea to come to Acre and asked, "will I have to sell my house because of

bureaucrats who don't care?" Or they go to carry on with their chosen genne, like Gabi Eldor who has been working in fringe for the last 20 years. "Our experience has been so dreadful, I've become hardened to financial difficulties." she says. "Because we're crazy about the theater, the perception is that we'll go on anyway, and even if we do get money after

enough to pay for one costume at Habimah.

She and long-time associate Yigal Ernei are doing a very physical movement these piece called The Alley of White Chairs, which traces the history of an alley beside an old Jaffa house that once belonged to an Arab, now a Jordanian citizen, who comes back to see his old home. Tonight the Dance. Eldor's last piece at Acre, won first prize in 1990.

Truly original multimedia performance artist Anat Ben-David is creating Bits and Pieces in which she performs with others for the first time.

Yossi Carmon, another Cameri theater stalwart, is directing The POW, a play by Yossi Hadar. Daniella Carmi's Arton looks at the experiences of two formerly mentally ill women.

The Hammama plays include Peep Show by Yael Ruby, with guidance from theater artist and critic Arnir Uryan: Stepan, which creator Ronny Sinai calls a comedy about a non-political murder; and Interlude, a compilation front the students allied to the everinnovative Acre Theater Center.

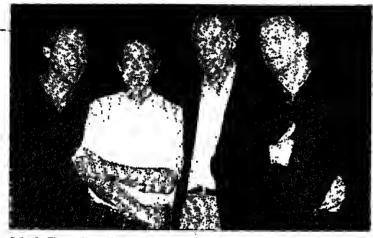
The four-day Acre Festival usually attracts some 300,000 people. There has been talk that audiences will stay away because of the controversy this year's festival has aroused, an idea that Weingarten dismisses.

The audiences will come to support the festival if nothing else. I know a lot of families who make the festival their Succot activity," he asserts.

By yesterday morning none of the promised money had yet been puid. Oron and ACFT general manager Galit Bauersky were once again on their way to Jerusalem, hopeful that the funds would be paid in this momine

"We're very hopeful," she said. So are we all.

So much for promises.



Mark Knopfler (far left), Sir Paul McCartney and Sting (far right) pose with Sir George Martin before the Music for Montserrat benefit concert in London Monday: (AP)

Pop stars rally in

# The Talking Heads may be history, but David Byrne keeps inventing himself

### By DAVID SEGAL

I's encore time at the Strand nightclub in Providence, Rhode Island, and for a few eerie momeots David Byrne seems to shuffle around the stage without his flesh.

The former frontman for the band Talking Heads, and one of rock's most charmingly inventive weirdos, Byrne is wearing a headto-toe bodysuit of painted-on muscle and bone. With the lights dimmed, it looks as if the guy on the cover of Gray's Anatomy has come to life and is searching hard



An equally original - and eco-

a Lifetime," a 1980 Talking Heads hit

Later, he donned a kilt and a green T-shirt for his saisa-flavored new single, "Miss America," swishing his hips like Ricky Ricardo doing a rumba in a skirt.

"Rather than carrying around all the elaborate scenery and paraphernalia that I've sometimes used in the past and can't really afford now, I decided that I would just have a bunch of costumes made," he said. "I figured I could just wear the set, and the whole thing would fit in a mank."

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# support of Montserrat

capacity crowd to London's Royal Albert Hall for a concert that raised hundreds of thousands of pounds for the people of the stricken volcanic island of Montserrat, a British colony.

"This concert is a gesture to show the people of Montserrat that some-body is thinking of them." Sir Paul McCartney, the former Beatle, told the audience of 4,500 on Monday night. He and Elton John, Eric Clapton, Mark Knopfler, Sting, and Phil Collins all performed solo sets before joining forces to sing the Beaules' anthem "Hey Jude" at the end of the Music for Montserrat concert.

Although a final figure for the proceeds were not immediately available, record producer Sir George Martin, who organized the concert, said he hopes to have raised

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op music legends drew a up to \$1.6 million (NIS 5.6 million). More than half of Montserrat's 11,000 residents have fled the island since the Soufriere Hills volcano crupted in 1995. The remaining 5,000 left their houses in the lush south and are living in hardship in the north, often without work.

TV companies from more than 40 nations, including the US and Japan. bought broadcast rights to Monday night's concert.

Tickets for the event were sold out within 90 minutes. Sir George, the ex-Beatles pro-

ducer, built his own recording studio on a Montserratian hilltop in 1979. "Those of us fortunate enough to

have experienced the beauty of Montserral firsthand understand the magnitude of the disaster and the plight of the residents of this once-idyllic island." he said.

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for a pain-killer and a glass water. "I can't seem to face up to the

facts," he deadpans to the crowd of about 2,000. I'm tense and nervous and I can't relax."

The melody is familiar, but the delivery is new. Wheo Byme sang "Psycho Killer" in 1977, he came off as a jittery neuronic who was close to actually cracking. Now 45, Byme has turned the tune into ghoulish, witty theater.

"I'm less a tense-and-nervouscan't-relax kied of guy," said Byrne the morning after the show. I think I'm much more inclusionary, hringing new ideas and stuff in. And I'm not as shy as I used to be."

For the first time in his twodecade career, Byrne fioally seems comfortable in his own skin. Touring in support of his fifth and finest solo record. Feelings, he has shed much of the ethereal diffidence and edgy intensity he's radiated since his varied adventures as a pop star and multimedia artist began.

Melding elements of new wave, funk. African tribal rhythms and whatever else caught his ear, Byrne has spent much of the past 20 years crafting records as playfully befuddling as they are danceable.

First with Talking Heads and later as a solo artist, his music seemed to offer listeners several options: They could puzzle over the semi-sensical lyrics; try to decipher Byrne's cryptic onstage mannerisms; or just hit the floor and boogie.

He also has collaborated with avant-garde artists like composer Philip Glass and choreographer Twyla Tharp, and starred io the much-acclaimed 1984 concert film Stop Making Sense.

In 1986 he directed his own movic, True Stories, and the following year won an Academy Award for his soundtrack for Bernardo Bertolucci's The Last Emperor. Through it all, he has projected that oddest of public personae: the introverted celebri-

Byrne still occasionally resembles an unblinking mad scientist who'd rather be in his lab. But more than a decade after he showed up on the cover of Time magazine, anointed as "Rock's Renaissance Man," he sounds more at peace with fame's klieg lights than ever.

"Getting on stage was a form of compensation for a long rime," he said, looking the same as he ever did, with just a few flecks of gray intruding on his close-cropped dark hair. "It's as though shy peo-

The David Byrne of old (above) has shed much of his edgy intensity and seems to finally be comfortable in his own skin.

ple need to perform or they're going to pick up a gun and kill a bunch of people or do something obsessive like write a great novel. guess today when I'm up there, I'm compensating for something else - like having to live a normal life."

"Normal" might be overstating it. Byrne has some trappings of normality these days, including a wife, Bonny Lutz, and an eightyear-old daughter oamed Malu. When he isn't touring the world. he lives in Manhattan and helps run Luaka Bop, a label he found-

ed in 1988 to produce his music and that of world-beat acts he likes. As he comes out of his shell and moves into middle age, however,

Byme is making few concessions to conventionality. Family values be damned - the man is a full-time itinerant artist,

spending most of his days combing the globe for new influences to blend into his music and new artists to record. A collection of photographs

taken during his wanderings, culled from his 1995 book Strange Ritual, is now touring museums "My wife puts up with a lot of

crap," he said with an impish grin. "But if I had a regular 9-to-5 job, I'd go nuts."

Unlike a lot of aging hipsters and rock icons who run out of ideas when they grow up. Byrne is brimming with new projects. And judging from the crowd that showed up to dance, sing along and gawk the opening night of the tour, he also has a new audience

to confuse. Many of the fans at the recent Providence show weren't even born in 1975, the year that Byrne, along with Chris Frantz and Tina Weymouth, formed Talking Heads a few blocks away at the Rhode Island School of Design.

Others said they were introduced to his music by, of all people, their parents.

Everybody should be so hip when they get that old," said twentysomething Amanda Grogan, after the show.

To fans who remember the elaborate stagecraft and minion of musicians from Stop Moking Sense, the new show will seem as spare as karaoke.

Lacking the finances for a huge production and no longer hitting the charts, Byrne focuses the audience's visual attention on his

perplexing gestures. The result is a set that proves that few spectacles are quite as entertaining as an intelligent man doiog something silly.

Accompanied by a three-piece band and a single backup singer, he arrived in a two-piece suit of fluffy, hoi-pink angora and belted out a tic-filled version of "Once in

own eye-grabbing costumes and

going."

## **Bombing scares off** action hero

The US producers of Harrison Ford's new movie, The Age of Aquarius, canceled their three-week shoot in Israel following the September 4 suicide bombing in Jerusalem, the head of an Israeli production company said

Tuesday. The American producer, Branco Lustig, cited concern for the safety of the crew and actors and the fact that he could not obtain warrisk insurance, said Zvi Spielman, head of the Israeli production company Israfilm. The scenes that were to be filmed in Israel will

According to Spielman, a govemment-owned insurance company used to offer war-risk insurance to foreign movie productions. The program was canceled in 1992.

He said the bombing also scared off American director William Friedkin, who was considering shooting a movie in Israel based on the book O Jerusalem!. Friedkin had second thoughts because actors would not agree to come to Israel for security rea-SODS.

Spielman said.

now be shot in Morocco,

(The Washington Post)

now than he used to be," said former Devo guitarist Jerry Casales. "I think both Talking Heads and Devo had the weight of being on the cutting edge when we started. Back then, he sort of had that unapproachable-artist thing

choose a few songs they liked enough to help him record. Then he traveled to their studios and together they laid down the tracks. If that sounds like the recipe for

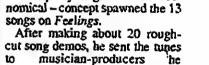
a messy hodgepodge, the surprise is that Feelings is easily Byrne's most irresistible solo record to date. It has heartfelt ballads (the lushly orchestrated torch song

"They Are in Love"), a guitar thrasher ("The Gates of Paradise") and several futuristicfeeling dance numbers ("Miss America" and "Dance on

Vaseline"). Even when the talent for hooks and melodies falters, his nonsequitur observations intrigue.

("When dogs make love they don't look at themselves/ Checking out each other by the way they smell," he explains in "Burat hy the Sun.")

The sessions with Devo were held in Los Angeles at the Mutato Muzika, the studio run by Devo member Mark Mothersbaugh, and yielded the album's most sardonic ditty, "Wicked Little Doll." "He's much more unguarded



admires, including the British

trip-hop trio Morcheeba, Seattle's

Black Cat Orchestra, and sci-fi

popsters Devo. All were invited to



Daphna Peled - flute, Ruth Izcovitzh - Eyal-flute,

Sharona Greenstein - cello, Daphna Gan - Harpsichord.

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### ENGLISH LECTURE HELEN KAYE

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### TELEVISON ELANA CHIPMAN

Yes another dusty tape has been dragged out of some production company's archives to cash in on the 20th anniversary of the death of King of Rock 'n' Roll, Elvis Presley. For those fans who have oot yet had enough of the current wave of nostalgia, Elvis in Hawaii will be screened on Channel 3 (33) tonight at 10:00.

Elvis gave two concerts io Hawaii in 1973 to raise money for fighting cancer. The second was broadcast live to over a billion viewers worldwide and the alhum in 'Different for Girls.'

stayed st the top of the charts for over a year. The concert to be aired tonight is the first of the two, reportedly never seen on TV.

### FILM ADINA HOFFMAN

\*\*\* - DIFFERENT FOR GIRLS - This small, sweet comic drama is as notable for what it iso't as for what it is. In thoroughly unseosational terms, the BBC-produced film, directed with frankness and affectioo by Richard Speoce, tells the story of two school friends who meet up again as adults: cutic-pie Prentice (Rupert Graves) is now a tough, good-hearted motorcycle delivery boy, while Karl has undergone a cex-change operation

1000 Rupert Graves is Prentice, a tough, good-hearted delivery boy,

> and hecome Kim (Steven Mackintnsh), a primly dressed blonde with a job writing heartsand-flowers verse for a greeting-card company. While it's fairly clear from the outset where relations betweeo the two are headed, Tony Marchant's script ls remarkably attentive to psychological detail, and it never once takes the potential romance for granted. Both of the actors manage, as well, to coovey with delicate convictioo the complexity of the situation. In many ways, Kim's sex-change operation is the smallest obstacle to their getting together, and just one of the movie's concerns; the film also manages to ask where platonic love gives way to sexual attraction, and how much our seose of the past (or our past selves) affects who we are today. (English dialogue, Hebrew subtitles. Not recommended for childreo.)



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- 8 Persuasive vegetable? (6) 9 Raven had fluttered on the
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- 11 Voter upset resistance man
- 12 Nice sums about a crescent-shaped figure (8)
- 13 Develop, but do not start to turn (6) 15 Ruah here and there to
- obtain an appliance (6) 18 Get to know Bill Strange
- (8) 20 The never-ending round (6)
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- learners (9)
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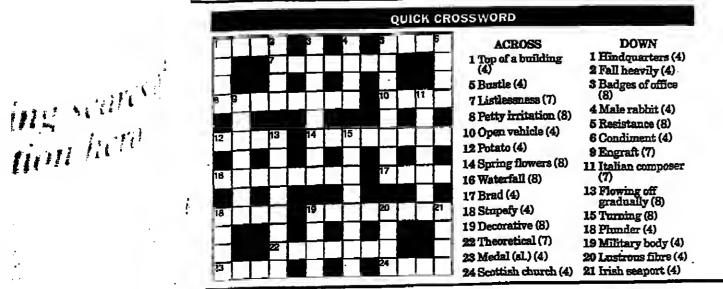
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# 8:06 Morning Concert 9:05 Beethoven: Serenade for String Trio op 8; Schumann: Piano Trio n0 3 in G minnr op 110; Mozart: Piano

19:45 American Edition

20:00 World Business

22:00 European News

23:00 World Business 23:30 World Sport 00:00 World View

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# **Doctors hold** strike today

### By JUDY SIEGEL

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Doctors in most public hospitals will walk off their jobs today for 24-hours, to protest the Treasury's planned cuts in the health hudget.

The Israel Medical Association said that the strike is a demonstration against the Finance Ministry's failure to carry out an agreement to add more doctors' positions and plans for overall changes in the health system.

A statement also accused the Treasury of trying to destroy the National Health Insurance Law.

The strike will encompass all the public hospitats - government. Kupat Holim and those owned hy voluntary organizations - except for Laniado in Netanya, whose workers' contracts contain a no-strike clause.

All will operate on a Shahhat schedule, except for delivery rooms, neonatal units, emergency rooms, dialysis units, and oncology departments, which will operale normally. Hospital outpatient clinics and diagnostic institutes witt be ctosed.

Also striking are health fund doctors - including those with private offices. Only some clinics offering urgent medical care will open.

Meanwhile, the union of government bospital administrative, maintenance and technical staff will hold assemblies from 10 a.m. to noon today. The union has also threatened to strike in demand of more positions.

In an apparent attempt to ease tensions. Treasury budget chief David Milgrom and his deputy, Haim Peltz, told reporters yesterday that they had agreed to give the Health Ministry veto power in deciding how much health funds could charge for services beyond their regular service basket.

The option of charging for services such as visits to doctors,

"will encourage efficiency and competition among the health funds and give them more freedom of action," the hudget chiefs said. "Unless structural changes are

made, along with modifications of the National Health Insurance Law, the health system will cause major macro-economic problems," Milgrom said.

He said that the law "encouraged unhealthy competition." He accused health funds of wasting money by building fancy clinics to attract patients.

Milgrom said the Treasury planned to try to hold down expenses in small communities hy choosing a single health fund for each area. He said that the funds would be monitored to try to prevent them from forming cartels. Health

Ministry Director-General Gahi Barabash accused the Treasury of planning to get the public to foot the hill for a NIS 1.3 million deficit in the health system.

"The Treasury boys want the public to pay for it," he said. "The Finance Ministry is trying to present things as if there will be no cut in the basket of health services, when this is far from the truth.

Barabash also urged Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu to ensure that the Treasury bonor an agreement signed in March to increase the number of positions for doctors at public hospitals.

The Treasury has not hudgeted the bospitals for this, despite repeated requests and warnings hy hospital directors and the IMA," Barabash wrote,

Peltz claimed yesterday that 66 new positions have been allocated for the coming year. But Barahash alleged that the Treasury is expecting the hospitals to pay for the additions,

### **Protesters** stage demo at Rabin memorial

### By MICHAL YUDELMAN

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu promised Tel Aviv res-idents that he would advance the subway train project, reinstate the slum rehabilitation budget and selt the site of Sde Dov Airport. Netanyahu promised to present the suhway plan this year. Mayor Ronni Milo, who hosted the prime minister, has promised to build a subway since his election campaign four years ago but has made no progress.

Netanyahu said relocating Sde Dov Airport will permit its use for housing and funds from the sale will go to the defense ministry. A few meters from the reception

given Netanyahu on the roof of the Gan Ha'ir shopping malt adjacent to City Hall, members of the Peace Guard demonstrated against him at the memorial for prime minister Yitzhak Rahin.

The demonstrators had arrived at the site of Rahin's assassination early in the morning "to make sure Netanyahu doesn't set foot in this place," one protester said.

She explained that "he has no right to be bere, after he incited against Rabin. A month ago a picture was published of the demonstration in March 1995, showing that Netanyahu did see the coffin plus a hanging rope, which he said he did not see. He sull hasn's apologized."

Netanyahu expressed regret that the protest took plsce, which caused him to cancel his earlier plans to lay a wreath at Rahin's nemorial.

"It's time to stop this terrible incitement and put aside these arguments and accusations, which are against half the nation, and let the wounds heal."

At a meeting later with slum representatives, they complained that the budget for slum rehabilitation was cut and funds were going to the settlements in the territories. Netanyahu promised to re-allocate NIS 5 million to the slums.



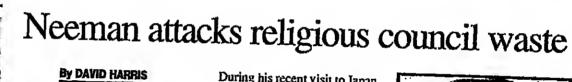
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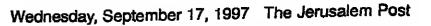
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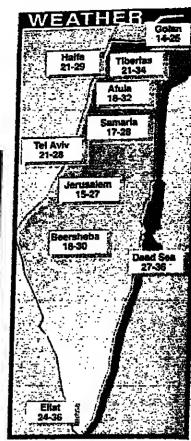
Subway in, Sde Dov out



Protesters stand at the memorial to late premier Yitzhak Rabin in Tel Aviv. One poster says, "we won't forget, won't forgive."







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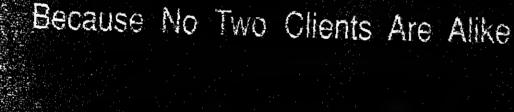
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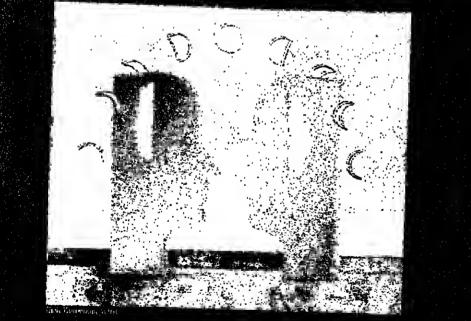
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Denying recent media reports that he is planning to close the Religious Affairs Ministry and abolish the religious councils, Finance Minister Yaakov Neeman yesterday said he is not expecting yeshiva students to give up learning in order to work.

However, he did call for an end to public funding for those who have already completed their yeshiva education.

"It is unwise to continue with a system wherehy ex-yeshiva students should continue to be under that umbrella, not working, not learning and yet getting government support," said Neeman. Israel is short of 20,000 com-

puter programmers and it is there that religious communities could make their mark, said the minis-

Neeman learned of the great interest there in Israeli software and believes the country's high-tech exports can continue to grow, with the full integration of the haredim.

Speaking to journalists, Neeman also attacked wastage and excess overheads in the religlous councils, which he said were not alone in needing trimming.

In the Migdal Haemek region, for example, there are six or seven religious councils, each with a chairman with a salary equal to that of a mayor, supported by several deputies.

Each of these councils deals with kashrut, marriage and cemeteries. "We need to readjust in Israel,"

said Neeman. The decision not to include pro-



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By JUDY SIEGEL

As Science Ministry workers shouted of "Mickey go home" outside his door yesterday, Minister Michael Eitan fought back against criticism of his plans to shut the ministry down.

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"Instead of being in charge of a grocery-store operation that allo-cates only NIS 100 million for basic research," he said, "I want a statutory, professional, and nonpolitical National Council for Research and Development (NCRD) to supervise the NIS 7 hillion spend on R&D in this country."

In a press briefing, Eitan - who has been minister for two months and is due to hand the job over to his rotation partner Deputy Defense Minister Silvan Shalom claimed his plan would more than double the hudget for basic research to NIS 220 million a year.

He distributed letters of endorsement from Prof. Ya'acov Ziv, president of the Israel Academy of Sciences and Humanities; Prof. Nehemia Levzion, of the Council for Higher Education; and Prof. Yitzhak Parnas, chairman of the NCRD, and dismissed protests from senior Technion professors and the previous director-general of the Science Ministry, Zvi Yannai.

Eitan said that after spending "hundreds of working bours" examining his ministry's functioning and meeting all 80 employees, he was able to study the painfully thin budget booklet representing the ministry's expenditures. The ministry, he said, is responsible for only about 1.5 percent of all R&D in the country.

"We have two staffers to look after our library. Why do we need a lihrary for 80 employees... I have a Chief Scientist's Office, which is very expensive, a deputy director-general for manpower, a director-general, and spokeswoman, and each of these has more employees ... I understand their personal problem, but why do we need such a ministry, which was created in 1982 to give a portfolio to Prof. Yuval Ne'eman to hring the Tehiya party into the coalition?"

Eitan intends to serve as science minister out of the Prime Minister's Office - taking with him some 20 professionals from the ministry. Some of the others can find jobs in other government ministries, he added.